

Activity Calendar

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Parent & Child Activity Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2017			1 With your child, fold paper to make different types of airplanes. See which ones fly the best.	2 Together, write a poem about your family. Start each line with a letter from the word FAMILY.	3 Learn a new word at breakfast. Challenge family members to use it three times during the day.	4 Does your child need some new books? Organize a neighborhood book swap.
5 Have a 20-minute DEAR time today (Drop Everything And Read).	6 Write an encouraging note and tuck it in your child's lunch box or in a school book.	7 Write fractions on cards. Mix them up. Have your child put them in order from smallest to greatest.	8 Ask your child questions that require more than a yes or no answer: "What was your favorite part of the story?"	9 Encourage your child to read the newspaper and report on a news story at dinner tonight.	10 Tonight at dinner, put a price on each item you serve. Have your child figure out the total cost of the meal.	11 Have your child write a short story from the point of view of an animal.
12 Go for a walk or bike ride today. Challenge each other to spot something you haven't seen before.	13 Have each family member write a funny sentence. Put them together to create a story.	14 Does your child have a special reading and study spot? Keep it stocked with paper, pencils and other school supplies.	15 Read a poem aloud. Stop to let your child guess what the next rhyming word will be.	16 Teach your child how to take his pulse. Then have him jump up and down 50 times and take it again.	17 Watch a TV show with your child. Ask your child to track the time spent on commercials vs. the program.	18 Take a walk with your child and use your senses to observe the world around you.
19 Play a game of hide and seek with your child.	20 Play math Jeopardy. Give a number. Who can come up with a problem for which it is the answer?	21 Place a long piece of string in a clear bag. Ask your child if it is longer or shorter than her height. Take it out to check.	22 Ask your child to complete this sentence: "If I had one wish, it would be ..."	23 At the grocery store, have your child compare the prices of two sizes of the same product. Which is the better buy?	24 Have your child predict the results of flipping a coin 10 times. Try it and see if he's right.	25 Look for ways to involve your child in your hobbies. For example, if you are a runner, take your child for a short jog.
26 Find a kid-friendly recipe. Help your child make that dish today.	27 Figure out the average of something with your child, such as family members' ages.	28 Ask your child to describe the most beautiful place she has ever seen.	29 Find a new way to say "I love you"—in sign language or in a secret code.	30 Ask your child to give you a "six o'clock report" about what happened at school today. What's the lead story?	31 Talk to your child about people he admires. Ask him why he admires them.	

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<h2>April 2017</h2>						1 Plan to get some exercise with your child every day this month.
2 Use a permanent marker to mark off inches on the side of a jar. Set the jar outside. See how many inches of rain fall this week.	3 Make a crossword puzzle with your child to review spelling words.	4 Have your child rank homework assignments from easiest to hardest. Encourage her to do the hardest one first.	5 Have your child draw a picture of something that happened in school today. Then talk about it.	6 Write a note to your child to tell him you love him. Put it in a place where only he will find it.	7 Read three poems with your child today.	8 Have everyone in the family spend a half hour picking up the house. Many hands make light work.
9 Cook breakfast with your child for the rest of the family. Or invite friends over!	10 Watch the news with your child. Choose a person of the week and read more about that person.	11 Ask your child to name something she has done in her life that she is proud of.	12 With your child, learn how to count to 10 in at least three different languages.	13 Create a word search. Hide words in a grid and surround them with random letters. Let your child find the words.	14 Set aside time every day for reading aloud. Sometimes, let your child read to you.	15 Ask your child to help you organize something, such as a closet.
16 Have your child set a weekly goal. Write it down. Could you do this, too?	17 Watch the news with your child. Choose one story and compare it with an article on the same topic.	18 Give your child a small plant to take care of. Put him in charge of the watering schedule.	19 Ask your child to teach you something she needs to learn for homework. It's a great way to reinforce learning.	20 Have a Geography Challenge. Name a state, province or country. Who can call out the capital first?	21 Let your child stay up 30 minutes past his regular bedtime. The catch? He must use that time to read in bed!	22 Take the whole family to the library and be sure everyone checks out some books.
23 Sing your child's favorite song together.	24 Talk about the best and the worst parts of your day. Everyone gets a turn to talk.	25 Look over your child's homework. Give specific compliments and offer constructive criticism.	26 Play a game of charades with your child. Use hand gestures and motions to describe your word.	27 Read a story to your child and use a different voice for each character.	28 Tonight, take a walk with your child. See how many stars you can see.	29 Set aside some time to spend one-on-one with your child today.
30 Play board or card games as a family tonight.						
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	1 It's Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Look for a new physical activity you can enjoy together as a family.	2 Decide on a location anywhere in the world. Take turns telling one thing you would like to see there.	3 Let your child see you keep your temper when you are angry. Instead of yelling, calmly talk about how you feel.	4 Choose a number, then have your child list all the things she can think of that come in that number.	5 It's Cinco de Mayo. With your child, learn about why this holiday is celebrated in Mexico.	6 Give your child some sidewalk chalk. Do math problems outside together.
7 Ask your child to keep a to-do list. Writing things down makes them easier to remember.	8 Ask your child what he would do if he were invisible for a day.	9 Praise your child for something she did today. Make your praise as specific as possible.	10 Pick a category and a letter. How many items from the category can your child name that begin with that letter?	11 Make a "touch box." Fill it with cotton balls, rocks and bark. Can your child guess what he's touching without looking?	12 Create an art gallery. Frame your child's artwork. Rotate the work on display frequently.	13 Go to the library and check out two books with your child. Check out some books for yourself, too!
14 Challenge your child to do a secret good deed for a friend or neighbor.	15 Talk about three ways you used math today. Ask everyone in the family how they used math.	16 Watch the news with your child. Locate one place mentioned on a world map.	17 On a map, have your child find the country from which your ancestors came.	18 Ask your child to tell you about the nicest thing a friend has ever done for her.	19 Teach your child to use a magnifying glass. Investigate things together.	20 Go on a picnic with your child today. After eating, stretch out on a blanket and read together.
21 Remind your child that you enjoy his company and let him know you love him.	22 Pick a new word out of the dictionary. Everyone try to use that word at least three times today!	23 Play Alphabet Mixup. Choose a word and put the letters in alphabetical order. Can your child figure out the word?	24 Have a pattern day. Ask your child to notice patterns around her, such as a striped shirt or a flowered sheet.	25 Learn a tongue twister. At dinner, challenge everyone to repeat it three times fast.	26 Allow a few minutes after the light is off at bedtime for quiet conversation with your child.	27 Have each family member make a list of his or her strengths. Read them aloud. Add to one another's lists.
28 Have your child draw an upside-down picture today.	29 Cover the illustration on a page of a book. Read the page to your child. Can she guess what's in the picture?	30 Ask the school about dates for year-end tests. Make sure your child gets enough sleep the nights before.	31 Think of some "what if" questions to ask your child: What if we walked on our hands? What if cats could talk?	<h2>May 2017</h2>		
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