

Activity Calendar

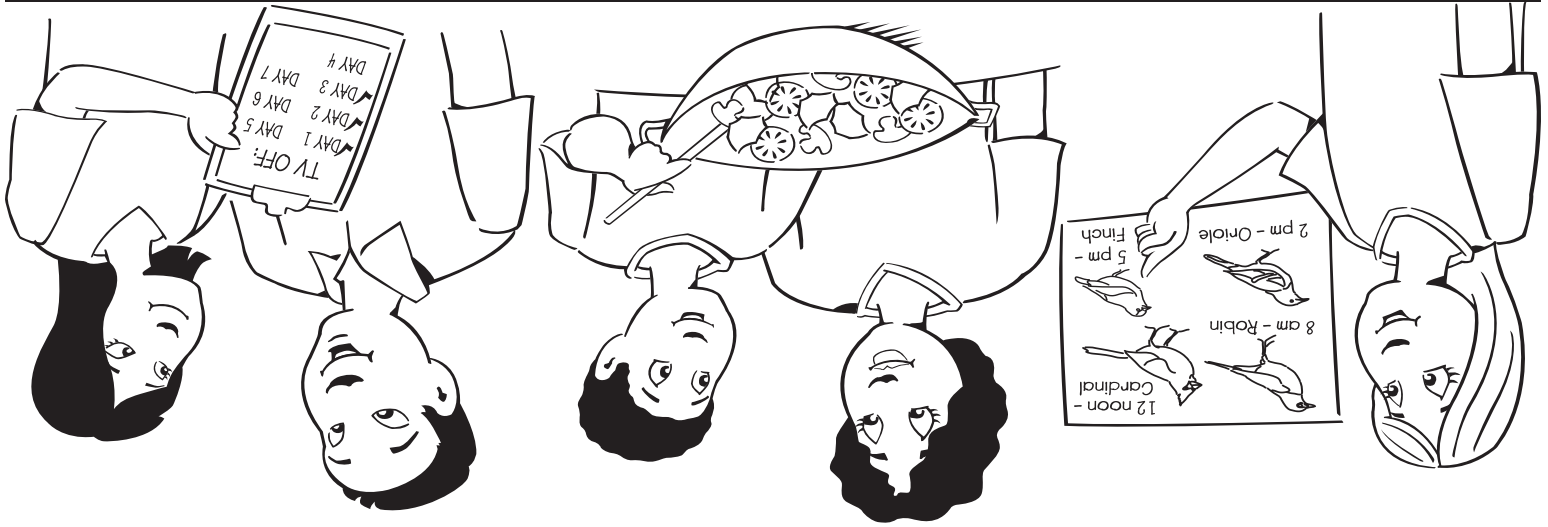
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December 2011				1 Talk about how your family can do something for others this holiday season.	2 Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about science.	3 During the holidays, have your child talk to older relatives about their childhood days.
4 Have a contest. Who can name the most parts of the body? (Organs count, too.)	5 Look in the newspaper for a list of holiday events. Plan to attend one this month.	6 Play Concentration with math flash cards. Problems with the same answer (9 x 2, 15 + 3) make a pair.	7 Plan to spend some one-on-one time with your child this month. Write your "date" on your calendar.	8 Put a leafy stalk of celery into colored water. Watch the color rise into the stalk over the next week.	9 List animals your child loves. If your child could have any animal as a pet, which would it be? Why?	10 Talk with your child about ways to handle stress. Exercising and talking are good options.
11 Enjoy some outdoor physical activity as a family today.	12 Teach your child to make paper snowflakes. Use some to decorate your windows.	13 Have your child draw a picture of what he thinks describes and defines "December."	14 Bake cookies with your child. If you're doubling a recipe, have your child do the math.	15 What is the coldest place in the nation today? The warmest? What's the difference between the two temperatures?	16 Plan a week of alphabet dinners—serve foods that start with the same letter. Choose a different letter each day.	17 Plan an indoor "camp-out." Make a tent from a blanket. Eat s'mores and read scary stories.
18 Dissolve some salt and water in a glass. Watch for a few days. Talk about what happens.	19 Holidays have you feeling hassled? Share the responsibility. As kids help, they appreciate holidays even more.	20 Give your child a measuring tape. Ask her to measure and record the dimensions of objects in your house.	21 Tonight is the longest night of the year. Give everyone in the family a flashlight and read in bed tonight.	22 Set aside time today to work on craft projects with your child. Perhaps he can give these as gifts.	23 Decorate a shoebox to make a treasure chest. Fill it with small treats. Hide it and have a treasure hunt.	24 Read a book that you and your child can both enjoy.
25 Talk with your child about the very best present she ever received. What made it special?	26 Talk to your child about the importance of writing thank you notes for gifts.	27 Kids bored? Have them take turns as models, holding a pose while the other children draw or paint what they see.	28 Save the seeds from a fruit you've eaten. Plant them in a paper cup on the windowsill. Water and see if they grow.	29 Choose a number, then have your child list all the things he can think of that come in that number.	30 Write and mail a letter to a friend.	31 Help your child create a time line of the last year.

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1 Help your child set a goal and write a plan to achieve it this year.	2 Make a list of the best times you had during the last year. Schedule time on the calendar to do them this year.	3 With your child, learn how to count to 10 in at least three different languages.	4 Pick a category. Your child picks a letter. How many items from the category begin with the letter?	5 When you watch TV, ask your child questions: "Was that a good idea?" "What would you do?"	6 Put an assortment of objects on a tray. Have your child close her eyes and name as many as she can.	7 If your child could be a famous person in history, who would he be? Learn more about your family's role models.
8 Help your child find fractions in today's newspaper. Which sections have the most fractions?	9 Write a note to your child to tell her you love her. Put it in a place where only she will find it.	10 Post a new vocabulary word and its definition on the bathroom mirror. Change it every three or four days.	11 Encourage your child to start a diary or journal this year.	12 Have a family sing-along. Ask family members to share their favorite songs.	13 The first public radio broadcast was on this date in 1910. Instead of watching TV tonight, listen to the radio.	14 Ask your child to alphabetize your books or music. It's a good way to reinforce this skill.
15 Studies show today's kids suffer from "time poverty"—lack of time with caring adults. Spend more time together.	16 Resist the urge to overprogram your child. Kids need "down time" to think, imagine and play.	17 Ask your child to help you organize something, such as a closet.	18 Ask your child to name something she has done in her life that she is proud of.	19 Just for fun, serve a "backwards dinner." Eat dessert first.	20 Ask your child what he would do if he were invisible for a day.	21 Bake "fortune cookies"—write short messages on short pieces of paper and bake into a favorite cookie.
22 Ask your child to pretend he's "Mayor for a Day." List three ideas to make your community a better place.	23 Help your child make her own dictionary with spelling or vocabulary words.	24 Start a sentence-a-day story. In a special notebook, your child writes a story one sentence each day.	25 Turn old snapshots or drawings of family members into a family mobile.	26 Check the newspaper to see if there's a place you and your child can go roller skating or ice skating.	27 It's the birthday of W.A. Mozart. Listen to some classical music with your child.	28 Do a crossword puzzle with your child. It's a great way to learn new words.
29 If you don't have time to read to your kids at night, read in the morning. It's a real "power breakfast."	30 When you're in the store, ask your child to figure how much tax you will be charged.	31 Try a geography quiz. Someone names a city, state or river. The next person has to locate it on a map or globe.	January 2012			

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Elementary School

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			1 It's International Friendship Month. Have your child send a card or letter to a friend.	2 It's Groundhog Day. How many words can your child make from the letters in GROUNDHOG?	3 It's the birthday of artist Norman Rockwell. Have your child draw a picture of an everyday activity.	4 Start a "chain of hearts." Cut out small hearts. Each day, write a reason you love your child on one.
5 At the supermarket, let your child pick out an unfamiliar vegetable. Find a recipe and give it a try!	6 Watch TV together. Encourage your child to be a critical viewer by asking his questions.	7 Have your child write a Valentine's message to someone who is sick or lonely. Mail it to them.	8 Choose a recipe from another country or culture. Prepare it with your child.	9 Talk with your child about a choice you've made. Talk about the consequences.	10 Tuck a Valentine in your child's lunch every day next week. Write a special "I love you" message on each.	11 It's the birthday of Thomas Edison. Teach your child his saying, "There's no substitute for hard work."
12 Look through the house. Make a list of everything that comes from plants.	13 After your child goes to bed, leave a valentine where she'll see it first thing tomorrow morning.	14 Learn how to say "I love you" in at least three other languages. Share this with your child.	15 It's National Cherry Month and Great American Pie Month. Celebrate by baking a cherry pie with your child.	16 Play a game that uses math skills. You might try Monopoly®, Go Fish or Gin Rummy.	17 Does your child have homework to do over the weekend? Make sure she schedules time to complete it.	18 When your child comes home, have him draw what happened in school. Then talk about it.
19 In 1473, Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born. Draw a picture of the solar system.	20 Go "ice skating" in the kitchen with your child. Wearing only socks, pretend you're on the ice. Be careful!	21 Choose some flowering bulbs. Learn how to "force" them so they'll bloom indoors.	22 It's the birthday of George Washington. How many facts can your child list about this famous president?	23 Do "body arithmetic." Ask your child how much his fingers, knees, toes and nose add up to.	24 Set aside time today to work on a hobby with your child.	25 Save old socks to make puppets with your child. Encourage her to put on a puppet show.
26 On a map, have your child find the country from which your ancestors came.	27 Have your child write directions for making a sandwich. Then follow them exactly.	28 Allow a few minutes after the light is off at bedtime for quiet conversation with your child.	29 Talk to your child about the definition of a leap year—a year with one extra day inserted into February.	<h1>February 2012</h1>		