

Parent & Child Activity Calendar



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<h2>June 2011</h2>			1 Make a list with your child of things you want to do this summer. Post it and check them off as you do them.	2 Rotate household chores each week so no one feels "stuck" doing a chore he doesn't like.	3 Play a card game as a family tonight.	4 Write the word SUMMER vertically. Have your child use each letter to start each line of a poem about summer.
5 Have your child find things outdoors that are <i>smooth, shiny, slimy</i> or <i>round</i> .	6 It's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month. Ask your child to choose a new fruit or vegetable to try.	7 See if there is a class that your child might like to take this summer. She could learn how to knit or how to make a video.	8 Talk about summer safety. Help your child make a poster with some safety tips.	9 Help your child put together a jigsaw puzzle today.	10 Take an after-dinner walk with your child. Talk about what each of you did during the day.	11 Have a 20-minute D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything And Read).
12 Schedules are important during the summer, too. Set aside time each day for family reading.	13 Learn a tongue twister. Who can say it the fastest?	14 Create a flag for your family. Explain what the symbols mean.	15 Collect six snack cans with lids. Add a rubber ball and you have an indoor bowling alley.	16 Have your child be a pet detective. He should observe an animal and record what he sees.	17 Have your child find something in the house today starting with each letter of the alphabet.	18 Buy or make some postcards of your town. Suggest your child send them to out-of-town friends.
19 Visit a used book store. Let your child buy a book or two.	20 Can your child tell time? Make sure your child can read a regular (analog) clock—not just a digital one.	21 Sponsor a summer reading contest. Who can read the most books?	22 Give your child a magnet. Have her make predictions—which things will the magnet pick up?	23 Ask your child to write your grocery list for you today.	24 Visit a farmers' market with your child. Buy fresh fruits and vegetables for dinner tonight.	25 Look for geometric shapes at the store. Can your child find a cone? A cylinder? A cube? A sphere?
26 Have your child start a "What I Learned Today" journal. Have him make an entry each day.	27 Ask your child to organize something for you today—a bookshelf, closet or cabinet.	28 Do you know your child's friends? Have her help you make a list of their names and phone numbers.	29 Talk with your child about mistakes. How can people learn from their mistakes?	30 Give your child a hug today.		

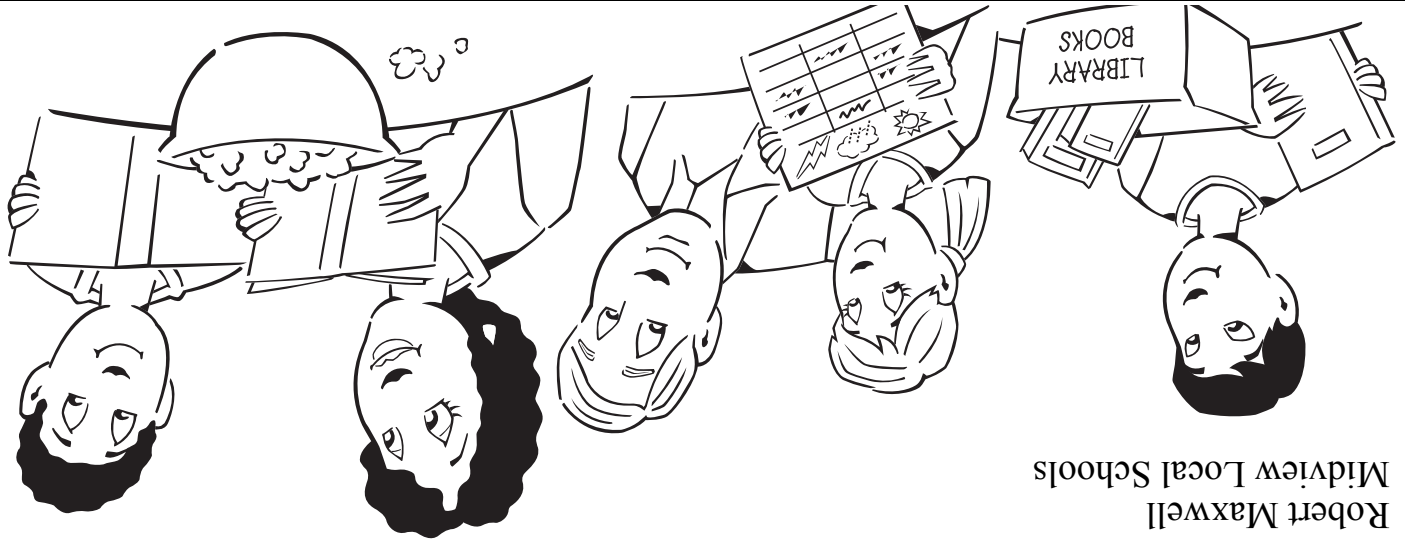
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<h2>July 2011</h2>					1 Have a family campfire and tell stories. No place for a fire? Gather indoors around a bowl of popcorn.	2 Have your child select 10 words off the side of a cereal box. Each of you write a story using those words. Compare tales.
3 Lie outside and look at the clouds. Make up stories about the shapes you see.	4 Talk about the word <i>independence</i> with your child today. What does it mean?	5 Explore the magazine section of the library with your child today.	6 Look at family photos from past generations. Share family stories with your child.	7 Teach your child how to identify poison ivy. Share images from a book or the Internet.	8 Take an evening walk and look for the North Star. Help your child learn how it helped explorers and travelers.	9 Make an "I'm bored" box. Fill it with craft activities and things to read.
10 Does your child know all her personal information: phone number, address, etc? Practice each day.	11 Plan a "No TV" night. Read or play games with the family instead.	12 Ask your child to identify one thing outside—a bird, a flower. Ask him to learn everything he can about it.	13 Have your child cut out pictures from several magazines that you own. Then have her write a story about them.	14 Choose a new recipe. Have fun making it with your child.	15 Visit a local museum or historic site with your child today.	16 Make your own rain. Turn on the sprinkler and run through it with your child.
17 Are you taking a car trip? Don't forget to take audio books.	18 Visit your library. Help your child find a book in a series to read. Ask the librarian for suggestions.	19 Take a walk with your child and look for animal tracks.	20 On a map, help your child trace where your family came from.	21 "It was a stormy day, so I decided I would" Give your child five minutes to write what comes next.	22 Ask your child to draw a map of your town on your sidewalk or driveway using sidewalk chalk.	23 Read a fairy tale to your child. Ask him to make up a new ending.
24 Everyone tell how they used math today.	25 Ask a silly question that requires a math answer: "How many hours until your birthday?"	26 Make history come alive with a historical fiction book. Ask the librarian for suggestions. Read it with your child.	27 Look up at the stars with your child. Make up new constellations together.	28 Is your child behaving well and cooperating? Be sure to say how proud this makes you.	29 Let your child help you make a chore chart. Everyone can check off jobs as they are finished.	30 Take a mini nature walk with your child.
31 Give your child a hug today.						

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	1 Plan to get some exercise with your child every day this month.	2 Will your child need a back-to-school physical or immunizations? Make an appointment now.	3 Make a big pitcher of lemonade. Drink it while reading a good book together.	4 How would your child handle an emergency? Teach her how to call 911. What should she say?	5 Take a walk or ride bikes together.	6 At night, find a street light or backyard light and watch the insects that swarm around it.
7 With your child, learn how to count to 10 in two languages neither of you speak.	8 Read an article to your child and ask him to name the five Ws and H of the story. <i>Who, What, When, Where, Why and How.</i>	9 Have your child make a collage from things she finds around the house.	10 Plan another "No TV" night. Ask your child to suggest an activity to do together as a family.	11 Get your child into a school sleeping routine. Get him to bed earlier and up in the morning.	12 Have your child save ads for school supplies and tell you where to find the best buys.	13 Does your child use the Internet? Monitor which sites she is visiting. Be aware of online predators.
14 Find a simple science experiment in a library book or online to do with your child today.	15 Every parent blows up once in a while. If you do, apologize. Out of control anger is never appropriate.	16 Fall activities will be starting soon. Don't let your child get over scheduled. School comes first.	17 Help your child pick out 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 things in his room.	18 Encourage your child to reconnect with school friends who have been away this summer.	19 Reuse items around the house for a craft. Cover cans to create pencil holders. Decorate grocery bags.	20 Have your child get a study area ready for school now. Stock it with needed supplies.
21 Review math facts with a deck of cards. Turn two cards over and ask your child to add, multiply or subtract them.	22 Talk to your child about peer pressure. Talk about ways to say <i>no</i> to drugs and alcohol.	23 Make sure you and your child know where and when the school bus will stop.	24 Have your child research a question that you don't know the answer to.	25 Fill a jar with jellybeans or other small item. Ask everyone to estimate how many are in the jar. Then count them.	26 Help your child make a time capsule of things you did together this summer. Save it for a year or two.	27 Ask your child to sort your mail—one pile for junk mail and one for regular mail.
28 Have your child help you make a list of nutritious after-school snacks to have on hand.	29 Play a game with your child today. It can be an active outdoor game or a quiet board game.	30 What has your child learned this summer? Compliment her on her progress.	31 Tell your child how excited you are for the start of a new school year. Your positive attitude will be contagious.	<h1>August 2011</h1>		