

Parent & Child Activity Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Give your child a hug today.	2 Have family members set some summer goals. List books you want to read and things you want to do.	3 Have your child decorate a shoe box. Use it to store treasures your child gathers this summer.	4 Have your child start a "What I Learned Today" journal. Have her make an entry each day.	5 Make a summer calendar. List special things you can do as a family.	6 Help your child bake a batch of brownies. Take some to share with a friend.
7 Talk about summer safety. Help your child make a poster with some safety tips.	8 Take your child to the library to sign up for a summer reading program.	9 Most accidents happen at home. Review basic first aid with your child.	10 If you don't have a first aid kit, have your child help you put one together. Put it in a special place.	11 Help your child start a reading journal. Have him write about each book he reads this summer.	12 Don't let your child forget math facts. Spend a few minutes reviewing each day.	13 Watch a baseball game with your child. Talk about the rules and why they are important.
14 At the grocery store, have your child estimate how many apples are in two pounds. Use scales to check.	15 See how many places in your home (not including books) your child can find words to read.	16 Show your child the classified ads in the newspaper. Which jobs interest her?	17 Challenge everyone to learn one new word today. Use it at least three times.	18 Eat an ice cream cone with your child. See who can make theirs last the l-o-n-g-e-s-t.	19 Choose a book with an author's name that begins with A. Read it together. Next, try a B book.	20 Help your child cut out pictures of healthy foods from weekend grocery ads.
21 Find the Food Pyramid on a cereal box. Have your child use the pictures he cut out yesterday to make a chart.	22 Does your newspaper have a special page for kids? Encourage your child to read it each day.	23 Talk with your child about mistakes. How can people learn from their mistakes?	24 Write 20 vocabulary words on cards. Write definitions on 20 other cards. Let your child match them.	25 Review geography facts. Quiz each other on capitals of states, provinces or countries.	26 Have your child find things outdoors that are smooth, shiny, slimy or round.	27 Plan a book swap party. Admission: one book. Each child leaves with a new book to read.
28 Always say, "I love you," when you are leaving your child.	29 Ask the librarian for a book of tongue twisters. Then learn one of them with your child.	30 Have a "No TV" night. Read or play games instead.	<h2>June 2009</h2>			

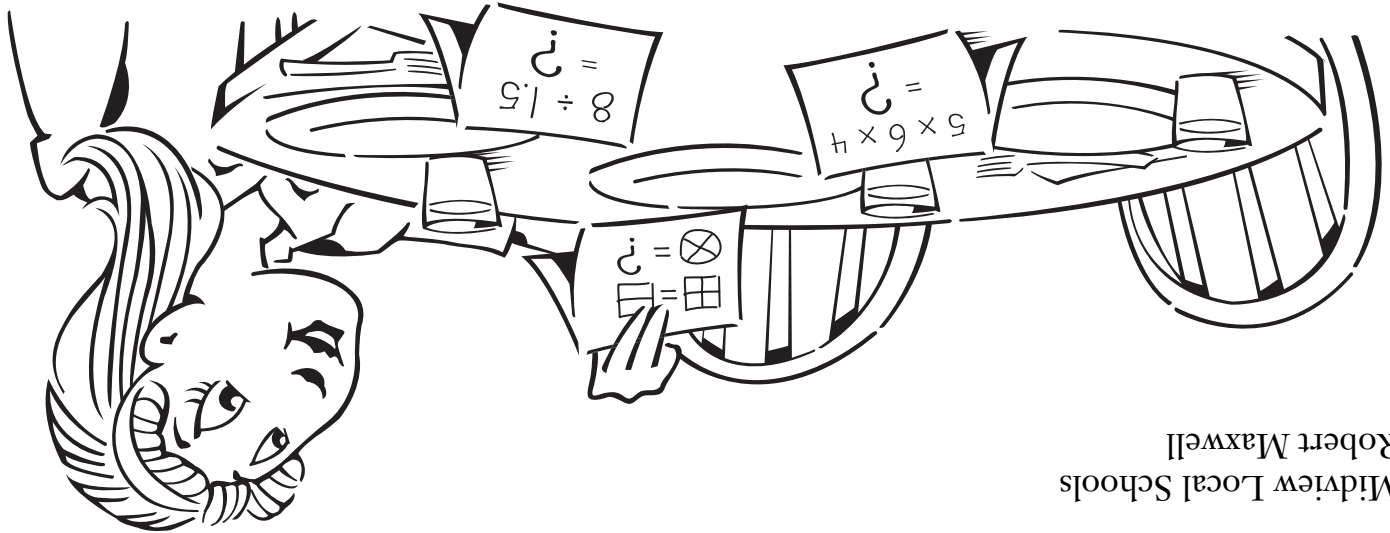
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<h2>July 2009</h2>			1 Add food coloring to a dollop of shaving cream. Let your child use it as finger paint.	2 Help your child write a letter to a relative or friend telling about summer events.	3 Visit a used book store. Let your child buy a book or two.	4 Read under the stars. Take a blanket and book out and read with your child by flashlight.
5 Create messages using the numbers on the phone. 469-273-968 = "How are you?" (Don't actually dial.)	6 Visit your library. Help your child find a book in a series to read. Ask the librarian for suggestions.	7 At dinner, have each family member say something nice about every person at the table.	8 Help your child make a puppet from a paper bag, an old sock, or a stick. Let her put on a show.	9 Have your child make a time capsule and then put it away for a year or two.	10 Have your child cut out pictures from several magazines. Then have him write a story about them.	11 Give your child a bucket of water and some paint brushes. Let her "paint" on the sidewalk.
12 Play a word game such as Scrabble®, Password® or Boggle® with your child.	13 Find out when the sun sets and rises in your area. Ask your child to calculate the daylight hours.	14 Help your child be a pet detective. Observe an animal closely together.	15 Look at family photos from past generations. Share family stories with your child.	16 As you do errands, help your child talk with people about the jobs they do.	17 Have everyone read in bed tonight. Serve a favorite snack.	18 Look at the stars with your child. Make up new constellations together.
19 Help your child invent a secret code for sending messages. Then leave notes for each other.	20 Encourage your child to start a hobby. Check out the library for good ideas.	21 Play math "Jeopardy." Give a number. Who can come up with a problem for which it is the answer?	22 Have a family campfire and tell stories. No place for a fire? Gather indoors around a bowl of popcorn.	23 Play alphabet games with your child. List countries, animals or cars in alphabetical order.	24 Take an after dinner walk with your child. Talk about what each of you did during the day.	25 Ask your child to design a cover for a favorite book.
26 Find a comfortable spot to read with your child outside today.	27 Going on a car trip? Check the library for audio books to take with you.	28 Have a scavenger hunt. Make a list of words for your child to circle in the newspaper today.	29 Talk with your child about honesty. Why is honesty so important in the world today?	30 Help your child make musical instruments from things around your house. Have a concert.	31 Choose a new recipe. Have fun making it with your child.	

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August 2009						1 It's National Kids Day! Plan to do a special activity with your child today.
2 Have your child help you with chores around the house today.	3 Find a simple science experiment in a library book or online to do with your child today.	4 Look for a community service project you can do with your child this month.	5 Lie on the grass and look at the clouds with your child. Make up stories about the shapes you see.	6 Play a card game that uses math skills with your child.	7 Cook dinner with your child tonight.	8 Read a poem aloud. Stop to let your child guess what the next rhyming word will be.
9 Tell your child you love him today (and tomorrow and always).	10 Find out what you need to do as your child starts school. Make needed appointments now.	11 Get your child into a school sleeping routine. Get your child 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 Have your child get a study area ready for school now. Stock it with needed supplies.	14 Do something active together. Take a walk, go for a swim or ride bikes.	15 Plan to write upcoming school events on your family calendar. Try to attend as many as you can.
16 Make sure you and your child know where and when the school bus will stop.	17 Check out a book of jokes or riddles. Have each person tell one at dinner tonight.	18 Find out if your child's school has a website. See if your child's teacher has posted information.	19 Listen to a classical music station on the radio when you're in the car with your child.	20 Do you have errands to do? Have your child help you write a "to do" list.	21 Does your child know all his personal information: phone number, address, etc.? Practice each day.	22 Cut a story out of the paper. Have your child read it and write a headline. Compare to the original.
23 Read a short book aloud to your child today.	24 Ask your child about a favorite summer memory.	25 Can your child tell time? Make sure your child can use a regular (analog) clock.	26 Give your child scraps of colored paper. Make a collage together.	27 At the library, research events that happened on the same day as your child's birthday together.	28 Write a secret message in lemon juice on paper. Have your child hold it over a light bulb to read it.	29 Have your child help you make a list of nutritious after-school snacks to have on hand.
30 Shop for school supplies with your child.	31 Help your child set one goal for the new school year.					