

Activity Calendar

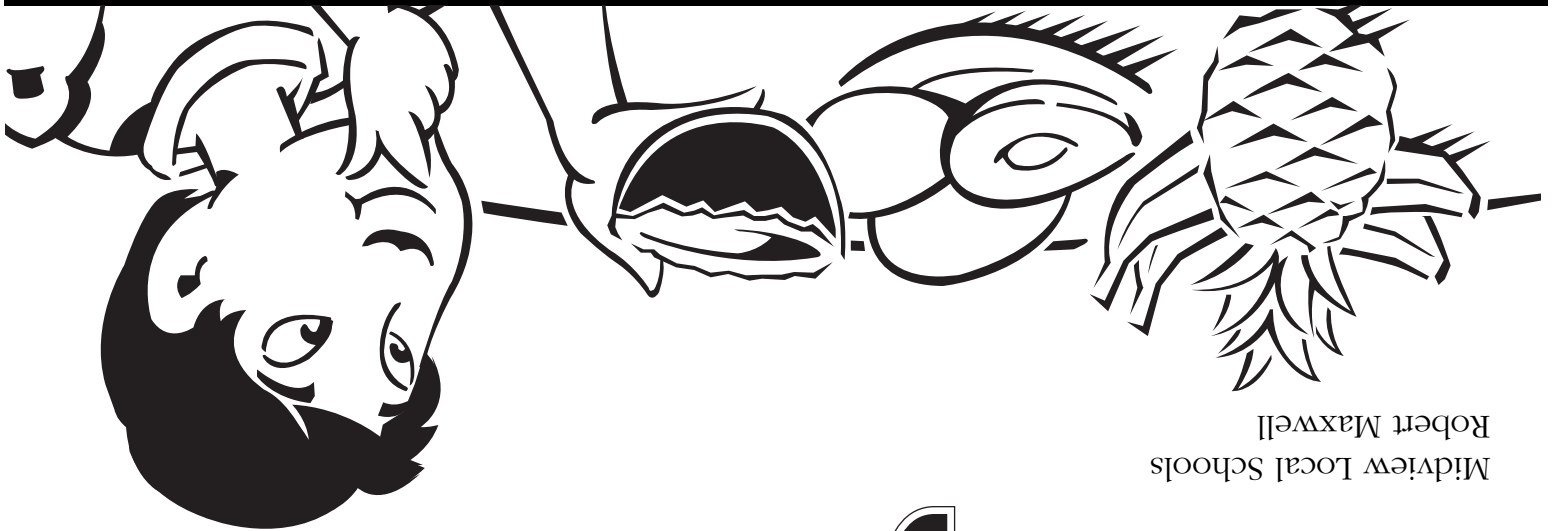
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2>September 2007</h2>						1 Decorate a cardboard box with colored paper or paint. Encourage your child to keep school papers in it.
2 The first "penny newspaper" was published on this day in 1833. Read a story from the newspaper with your child today.	3 The Treaty of Paris was signed on this day in 1783 to end the U.S. Revolutionary War. Help your child find Paris on a map.	4 A planning calendar is a key to organization. Buy or make one with your child. Use stickers for important dates.	5 Find a special place near the door where your child can keep his backpack and lunch box.	6 Talk with your child about a choice you have made. Then talk about the consequence.	7 Lay out clothes for tomorrow with your child tonight. It helps shorten the morning rush.	8 Does your child know your state bird? If not, help her look it up.
9 Tonight, talk with your child about the week ahead. Plan to do this every Sunday night.	10 Does your child have a library card? If not, help him get one and use it.	11 Help your child find her best time to do homework. Some kids do best in the morning, others at night.	12 Cut out pictures of people in the newspaper. Ask your child to make up a story about each person.	13 Start a family savings jar. Everyone can decide on what the goal will be, and how they will contribute.	14 Turn off the TV this evening! Plan on reading or playing games instead.	15 Have a family dinner by candlelight. Share the week's experiences.
16 Make sure you and your child know school rules. Ask for a list of rules and post them on your refrigerator.	17 Have your child write a letter to a friend or relative telling about the first week of school.	18 Create a mailbox for each family member. Cover shoe boxes with colored paper and line them up near the door.	19 Visit the library and help your child find and check out a book about constellations.	20 Keep a library basket as home base for library books. You'll save money on overdue fines!	21 Develop a regular study schedule. If your child has no homework, he can use the time for reviewing or reading.	22 Plan a reading dinner. It's one time everyone can bring a book to the table.
23 Take a walk with your child today.	24 Make a family schedule for TV this week. Use the listings in your newspaper to plan how you'll limit TV.	25 Kids need at least five servings of fruits and vegetables every day. Enjoy a new fruit together today.	26 Give your child tickets worth 30 minutes of TV time. Unused tickets may be cashed in for treats.	27 Ask your child to tell you one thing she learned in school today. Share one thing you learned today.	28 Plan a late bedtime so everyone can read in bed. Serve a healthy snack.	29 Talk about three ways you used math today. Ask everyone in the family to tell how they used math.
30 Tell your child you love him.						

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	1 Help your child keep a record of the moon this month. Look at the moon every night and draw what it looks like.	2 Talk with your child about why students who do homework make better grades.	3 Have a "Word of the Day." Challenge everyone to use it in a sentence. Make this a daily habit.	4 At dinner, talk about how family members are achieving their weekly goals. Celebrate everyone's successes.	5 Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about trees.	6 Follow a baseball team in the pennant race with your child. Ask him if he can explain the statistics in his own words.
7 Does your child know who to call in an emergency? Make a list for your refrigerator. Practice what to say.	8 Today is the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire. Develop a family plan in case of a fire in your home.	9 Create a family band. Each person chooses an instrument to imitate, using only hands, feet and mouth.	10 Have a contest—how many words can you and your child make from the letters in OCTOBER?	11 As baseball season winds down, play math facts baseball. Each problem your child gets right is a "base hit."	12 Take a walk and look for signs of fall. See if your child can identify any of the trees you pass on your walk.	13 At the supermarket, let your child pick out an unfamiliar vegetable. Find a recipe and give it a try!
14 Make a leaf rubbing. Place a leaf on newspaper. Cover with thin paper and have your child rub with a crayon.	15 Talk about the "best" and the "worst" of your day. Everyone gets a turn to talk.	16 Set aside time every day for reading aloud. Sometimes, let your child read to you.	17 Have all members of your family make lists of the places they'd like to visit. Talk about your lists.	18 Have your child make a chart of the birds she sees—by type of bird and time of day.	19 Take a walk and collect pretty leaves. Use clear, self-stick paper to laminate them onto paper for place mats.	20 Have your child teach you something he needs to learn for homework. It's a great way to reinforce learning.
21 Look in the weather section of the newspaper. Where are the highs and lows today?	22 Keep books tucked in the glove box of your car. Read while waiting for the bus or at the doctor's.	23 Pick any location in the world. What would your child take on a trip there and what would she do?	24 Together, find out what's inside a seed. Soak a dry bean overnight, remove the coats and pull the halves apart.	25 Make a big pot of soup. Have your child help with the measuring.	26 Have your child read to you as you're cleaning up after supper. Or read to your child as he cleans up!	27 Ask your child's teacher for a list of recommended books at each grade. Make sure your child reads them.
28 Take the Geography Challenge. Name a state, province or country. Who can call out the capital first?	29 Help your child prioritize homework. Do the most difficult first, easier subjects when she's tired.	30 Have your child read the same news story in two different publications. Ask how they are alike or different.	31 Ask your child to tell you about the best day of his life. What made it so special to him?	<h2>October 2007</h2>		

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November 2007				1 Feeling capable boosts your child's self-esteem. Take time today to teach him a useful life skill.	2 Collect interesting containers, packing materials, yarn, glitter, etc. Save it for a rainy day art session.	3 Start a family library. Let your child have her own shelf or bookcase for her books.
4 Let your family try eating with chopsticks tonight.	5 Ask your child what changes he would make if he were elected to a political office.	6 Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about sports.	7 Play Alphabet Mixup. Choose a word and put the letters in alphabetical order. Can your child figure out the word?	8 Create an art gallery. Frame your child's artwork. Rotate the work on display frequently.	9 Save old socks to make puppets with your child. Encourage her to put on a puppet show.	10 Let your child plan dinner tonight. How many food groups can he include?
11 Give your child paper and markers. Ask her to draw things that make her happy.	12 Put on music and spend 15 minutes drawing or writing with your child. Let the music be your inspiration.	13 Ask your child to imagine life 150 years ago. How about 150 years in the future?	14 Watch a television show with the sound muted. Ask family members to make up the dialogue.	15 Encourage your child to sort his books by subject. He can use the library's system or invent his own.	16 Have a "kitchen band." How many kitchen objects can your child use to make music?	17 Let your child choose a country. Ask her to learn more about the art and music from this country.
18 With your child, learn to say "hello" in two other languages.	19 Today is the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Read it aloud with your child.	20 Help your child cut an apple in half. Dip the cut edge in a shallow pan of paint. Press on paper for fruit prints.	21 Review math facts at the dinner table tonight.	22 Make a list of all the things for which your family is thankful.	23 Have a "No TV" day. Read, play games or enjoy some physical activity together instead.	24 Play a game of charades with your child. Use hand gestures and motions to describe your word.
25 Clean out closets with your child. Donate extras to charity—or have a family yard sale.	26 Make up a secret code with your child. Use it to write notes this week.	27 Write your child's name vertically. Have him use each letter in his name to begin a line of a poem.	28 Bake bread with your child. Biscuits are the simplest to prepare.	29 What's the average age of members of your family? (Add up ages, divide by number of family members.)	30 It's Mark Twain's birthday. Read one of his short stories with your child.	