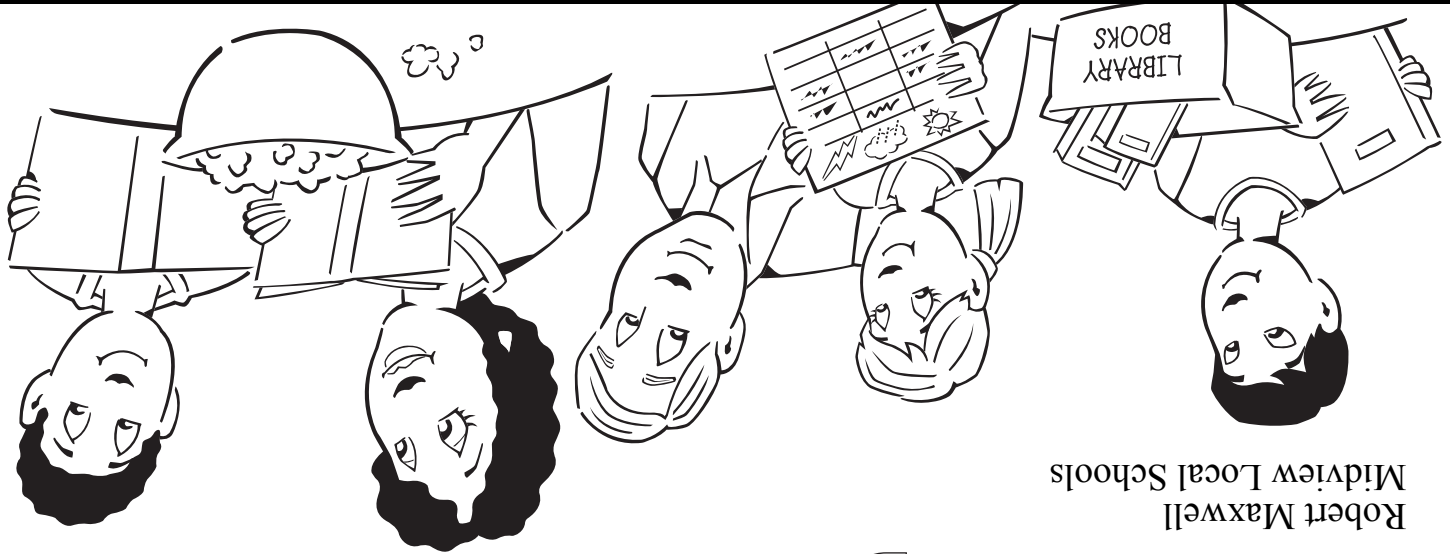


Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September 2010						
5 Does your child have a library card? Get one and use it.	6 Make sure you and your child know school rules. Ask for a list of rules and post them on your refrigerator.	7 Set a regular time for homework this school year. Plan the time with your child.	8 It's International Literacy Day. Talk about why reading is important and schedule time for reading aloud.	9 Turn off the TV this evening! Plan on reading or playing games instead.	10 Provide a regular place to display your child's best school work. Change the display often.	11 It's the birthday of O. Henry, famous short-story author. Read one of his stories with your child today.
12 Review the school dress code with your child. Which clothes and shoes are not allowed?	13 Schedule regular trips to the library. Have a box or basket where you keep library books so fines don't accumulate.	14 Label one special place to keep important school papers—a box, basket or folder.	15 Sponsor a "guess that number" contest: "How many cookies are in that package?"	16 Ask your child to tell you one thing he learned in school today. Share one thing you learned today.	17 Today is Citizenship Day. What does being a "good citizen" mean in your family? In school? Community?	18 Find something small enough to fit in your pocket. Have your child write (or tell you) a story about it.
19 Help your child plan ahead. Tonight, talk about the coming week. What needs to be done?	20 Teach your child how to handle stress—exercise, get enough sleep, talk about problems.	21 If you haven't yet met your child's teacher, plan to do so. Talk about your visit with your child.	22 Today's news is history in the making. Watch the news together. Talk about current events at the dinner table.	23 Make sure your child has access to basic references when she studies: atlas, dictionary, thesaurus.	24 Look in the weather section of the newspaper with your child today. What are the highs and lows today?	25 Set aside some time to spend one-on-one with your child today.
26 Johnny Appleseed was born in 1774. Visit a grocery store. Count the different types of apples you see.	27 Help your child look up facts about a favorite animal at the library. Use the Internet or an encyclopedia.	28 Talk about the "best" and "worst" of your day. Give everyone a chance to share.	29 Talk to your child about the importance of school attendance. He should only miss school for illness or emergencies.	30 Talk with your child about the importance of doing her best. Look for examples of people who do their best.		

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October 2010					1 Look in the newspaper for things to do in your town this month. Plan to do some of them with your child.	2 Start a family savings jar. Everyone can decide on what the goal will be, and how much they want to donate!
3 Ask your child to write step-by-step directions on how to do something. Follow the directions exactly. Was anything missing?	4 When your child brings home school work, focus on what is <i>right</i> before noting what is <i>wrong</i> .	5 It's Fire Prevention Week. Plan a safe escape in case of a fire at your house.	6 Ask your child to tell you what <i>fairness</i> looks like. What things show fairness in action?	7 As baseball season winds down, play math baseball. Each correct answer your child gets is a "base hit."	8 Celebrate National Popcorn Poppin' Month. Pop some popcorn and read a mystery book with your child.	9 It's Hunger Awareness Month. Plan something your family can do to reduce hunger in your town or the world.
10 Celebrate School Lunch Week. Talk with your child about nutritious food choices for lunch.	11 Encourage your child to read aloud to a younger sibling, cousin or neighborhood child.	12 Help your child create a private dictionary. In a small notebook, she can write down words she finds while reading.	13 Talk about three ways you used math today. Ask everyone in the family to tell how they used math.	14 Create an art gallery. Display your child's artwork in a frame. Rotate paintings frequently.	15 Have your child make a chart of the birds he sees outside the window—by type of bird and time of day.	16 With your child, make a fall table decoration.
17 Make a date to take your child out for breakfast. Then do something active together.	18 Have a "silent supper." During dessert, have everyone share what they were thinking about.	19 Help your child find an appealing book series to start reading.	20 Using flash cards is a great way to memorize facts. Take them along in the car and use travel time for review.	21 Give your child tickets worth 30 minutes of TV time. Unused tickets can be cashed in for small treats.	22 Set aside some time to work on a hobby with your child. Mark the date on your calendar.	23 Pick a topic and set a timer for five minutes. You and your child write down everything you can before the timer beeps.
24 Tell your child, "I love you."	25 At dinner tonight, have family members talk about one new thing they learned today.	26 What's the average age of members of your family? (Add up ages, divide by number of family members.)	27 It's Teddy Roosevelt's birthday. Look up facts about this president and protector of the environment.	28 If your child is just learning to read, check out library books with "read-along" audio recordings.	29 Plan a later bedtime so everyone can read in bed tonight.	30 Read a book about your town with your child today.
31 Have caramel apples for a treat today.						



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Elementary School Calendar

Activity Parent & Child

Parent & Child Activity Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Set aside some time this month to do something together you enjoyed as a child.	2 Make a schedule for watching TV this week. Plan how you'll limit your child's viewing.	3 Help your child set a reading goal for this month. How many minutes will he read each day? Track his progress.	4 Have your child read to you as you're cleaning up after supper. Or read to your child as she cleans up!	5 Play Concentration with fractions. Fractions with the same value make a pair, like $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{2}{4}$, $\frac{3}{6}$ and so on.	6 It's the birthday of James Naismith, inventor of basketball. Find a court and shoot some hoops with your child.
7 Save old socks to make puppets with your child. Encourage him to put on a puppet show.	8 Bring a calculator with you when you shop. Challenge your child to keep a running tally of purchases.	9 A <i>rebus</i> is a story that replaces some words with pictures. Make a rebus with your child.	10 Make a school project kit with your child. This can prevent last-minute shopping trips for supplies.	11 Hug your child for no reason other than you love him.	12 Take a trip to Europe, Africa or Asia on the Internet. Many libraries have computers with Internet access.	13 Make today your child's special day. Let her choose what you'll do and eat.
14 Today is the birthday of Claude Monet, a French artist. Paint a picture with your child.	15 It's Children's Book Week. Visit the library and check out a book with chapters to read aloud this week.	16 Role-play a situation with your child, such as how to handle peer pressure to cheat.	17 It's Geography Awareness Week. Quiz each other on state, province and world capitals at dinner tonight.	18 Plan a reading dinner. It's the one time everyone can bring a book to the table.	19 Today is the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Read it aloud with your child.	20 Have everyone pitch in for a half-hour "blitz" of house cleaning. It teaches children responsibility.
21 Make a paper cornucopia with your child. Fill it with a list of all the things that make your family grateful.	22 Teach your child to make a healthy snack. Enjoy it together.	23 Learn the sign language alphabet. Use it to practice spelling words today.	24 Put together a puzzle with your child.	25 Ask everyone to bring one item to the dinner table that represents what they are thankful for.	26 Say a number between one and 10. Who can find a license plate with numbers that add up to the number you called out?	27 Sneak in some exercise with your child today. Stop by a playground or play a game of catch outside.
28 Strive for five. Kids need five servings of fruits and vegetables every day. Choose a new fruit to enjoy today.	29 Talk to your child about the right ways to handle trash. Where should it go? What can be reused or recycled?	30 Have another No TV Family Night! Plan on reading or playing games instead.	<h1>November 2010</h1>			