

Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2008						1 Help your child start a collection. Provide a place to keep it—a box, a shelf, a drawer.
2 Find an alcohol or tobacco ad. Ask your child to redesign it to show what happens when these products are used.	3 With your child, make a weather chart. Keep track of the temperature, wind and rain each day in March.	4 Pick a new word out of the dictionary. Everyone try to use that word at least three times today!	5 Have your child fill a dishpan with water. Test an assortment of objects. Which will float? Which will sink?	6 Create a word search by hiding words in a grid and surrounding with random letters. Let your child find the words.	7 When you read aloud, choose an exciting place to stop. Ask, "What do you think will happen next?"	8 Go to a nearby park or running trail. Everyone run like the March wind!
9 Bake "fortune cookies"—help your child write messages on small pieces of paper and bake them into a cookie.	10 Watch the news with your child. Choose a "Person of the Week." Read more about him or her.	11 Make a book-mark. On a piece of thin cardboard, have your child draw a scene or write a quote from a book.	12 Visit the library. Check out a book about a famous woman.	13 Teach your child how to prepare nutritious after-school snacks.	14 Start a family scrapbook. Collect photos, souvenirs, certificates & other mementos. Look through it often.	15 Learn where your town gets its water. Is conservation important in your area? How can you help?
16 Collect empty boxes and milk cartons. Create a three-dimensional map of your town.	17 Clip an interesting news story. Cut the paragraphs apart. Ask your child to read them and put them in order.	18 Does your child know your state flower? Look it up if he doesn't.	19 Try a foreign dish with your child today. Check out a cookbook, get the ingredients and start cooking!	20 Challenge your child to do a secret good deed for a friend or neighbor.	21 Is your child arguing with a friend? Have them switch roles—it helps them see the other person's point of view.	22 Use a toothpick dipped in lemon juice & milk to write a message. To decipher, hold paper up to light bulb!
23 Have dinner by candlelight tonight.	24 Review math facts with your child.	25 Have your child look through the Yellow Pages, choose a business or service, and write a funny ad for it.	26 Plan a "No TV" night. Read, play games, or listen to music instead.	27 Review spelling or vocabulary words with your child tonight. Try to use them in a sentence this week.	28 Talk about the "best" and "worst" of your day. Give everyone a chance to share.	29 Today, have your child keep track of everything she eats. What would make her diet more nutritious?
30 Fly a kite with your child	31 Read a book about your town.					

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April						
		1 Celebrate April Fool's Day. Do something silly with your child.	2 Do a crossword puzzle with your child. Or make up your own to review spelling words.	3 Brainstorm how your family could help beautify your neighborhood.	4 Learn a tongue twister. At dinner, everyone has to repeat it three times fast.	5 Plan a late bedtime so everyone can read in bed. Serve a healthful snack if you wish.
6 Have your child interview people in various careers that interest him. What would a typical day be like?	7 Talk to your child about people she admires. Ask her why she admires them.	8 Have your child design a new cover for a much-loved book.	9 Look through magazines and newspapers with your child for 90° angles. Create a collage of these angles.	10 Have your child go through his toys. Are there any that he doesn't use? Give to another child, a day care center or a school!	11 Make a list with your child of how your family could help beautify your neighborhood.	12 At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself at her age.
13 Challenge your child to draw a picture of an imaginary garden. How many different colors can he use?	14 Have everyone in the family spend ½ hour picking up the house. Many hands make light work.	15 Start a story. Tell it to your child and have her write an ending for it.	16 Have your child read to you as you are making dinner tonight. Or read to him while he prepares dinner!	17 Ask your child to give you a "six o'clock report" about what went on today. What's the "lead story"?	18 Ask family members, "If you were an animal, which animal would you be and why?"	19 Make today "Game Day." Everyone pick a favorite game for the family to play together.
20 Help your child write a family newsletter. Interview family members and write up the news.	21 Have your child write a poem or story from the point of view of a family pet.	22 With your child, cut out newspaper pictures. Write about what you think happened before or after the picture.	23 Have your child listen to different types of music. Ask her to describe how it makes her feel.	24 Open an atlas and point to a page at random. Talk about what people in that country might eat.	25 Practice division. Ask your child, "How many of your lifetimes has Grandma lived? Aunt Sue?"	26 Find a new way to say "I love you"—in a foreign language, in sign language or in secret code.
27 Help your child make a journal. Set aside some time every day so he can write in it.	28 Visit the library. Check out a book about horses.	29 Have your child use the phone dial to make words. For example, 5-6-8-3 = "Love." (Don't actually dial.)	30 Have everyone bring a joke to the dinner table. Remember: Laughter is the best dinner music!	2008		

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May 2008				1 Ask the school about dates for year-end tests. Make sure your child gets enough sleep the nights before.	2 Good report card? High grade on a test? Make your achiever "King or Queen for a Day."	3 Have an eco-healthy day. Walk or ride bikes. Use less electricity. Recycle.
4 Go through your cupboards. Help your child make a list of foods grown in other countries. Find them on a map.	5 Encourage your child to write a thank-you to a favorite teacher this month.	6 It's Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Enjoy some new physical activity you can do together as a family.	7 Think of some "what if" questions to ask your child: What if we walked on our hands? What if cats could talk?	8 Have your child make a collage of features taken from pictures of people in magazines.	9 At the grocery store, have your child compare two sizes of the same product. Which is the best buy?	10 Take an early morning walk with your child. Look for signs of spring.
11 Use the letters in your child's name to write a poem about her.	12 Take your child to the library. Check out a book about animals.	13 Talk with your child about families. Who is in your family? What do families do?	14 Create a family joke book. Write one or two jokes per page. Staple the pages together.	15 Play a family game that uses math. Monopoly® and Parcheesi® teach counting and strategy.	16 Have each family member make a list of his or her strengths. Read them aloud. Add to each other's list.	17 Teach a card game to your child. Play it with the whole family tonight.
18 Have your child pick some flowers (with permission) or pretty weeds to give a bouquet to someone special.	19 Write an encouraging note and tuck it in your child's lunch box or in a school book.	20 Celebrate National Bike Month by having your child review the "rules of the road."	21 With your child, enjoy an imaginary trip to outer space. Write a story about your trip together.	22 Visit the library. Help your child check out a detective book.	23 In the car, make up a silly song or teach your child a song you sang when you were his age.	24 Start a list of places you'd like to visit. Have your child write letters to obtain information about these places.
25 Can you and your child communicate without using words? Try it and see.	26 Plan a reading dinner. Share something you have learned about an animal.	27 Go on a "people scavenger hunt." Find people who have skills or talents that interest your child.	28 Discuss baseball scores and averages on the sports pages. Who has the highest scores? What are the percentages?	29 Have your child predict the results of flipping a coin 10 times. Try it and see if she's right.	30 Help your child make a list of his goals for the next school year. Did he accomplish what he wanted last year?	31 On a map, help your child trace where your family came from.