

Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Visit the library with your child. Sign up for the summer reading program.	2 Make a list of 10 things your child learned in school this year. Put it on the refrigerator.	3 Have your child write a list of things you hope to do together this summer.	4 Have your child decorate a box for keepsakes this summer. In August, use them to make a scrapbook.	5 Take a walk with your child and use all five senses to observe the world around you.	6 Have your child close her eyes and make a list of everything she hears.	7 Have your child hold his nose while he eats. Does it affect the taste of the food?
8 Does your child have a summer reading list? Post it in a special place. Check off books she has read.	9 Make an alphabet out of different textures. Then have your child "read" the letters with his fingers.	10 Squeeze lemons to make lemonade. Talk about the saying, "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade."	11 Sponsor a summer-long contest. Who can read the most books?	12 Celebrate National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month by trying a new fruit and a new vegetable.	13 Can your child swim? Check local agencies and sign her up for classes.	14 Go on a picnic with your child today. After eating, stretch out on a blanket and read.
15 On this day in 1215, King John signed the Magna Carta. Visit the library to learn more about what it said.	16 Let your child clean some dirty pennies with catsup. Explain that this is a chemical reaction.	17 Schedules are important during the summer, too. Set aside a special time each day for family reading.	18 Look at family photos together. How many relatives can your child name?	19 Read the weather section of the newspaper with your child today.	20 Serve your child a new flavor of ice cream. Then have him write and act out his own commercial for it.	21 It's the longest day of the year. Camp outside with your child tonight.
22 Visit a local museum or historic site with your child today.	23 Ask your child to add up all the change in your pocket or purse. Help her practice making change.	24 Give your child a paper bag, some markers and scraps of paper. Challenge him to make a puppet.	25 Freeze fruit juices in ice cube trays to make popsicles. Enjoy them with your child.	26 At the library, check out a book on tape to listen to with your child.	27 Put out 10 items. Let your child look at them for two minutes. Cover them. How many can she remember?	28 Teach your child to take his pulse. Then have him jump up and down 50 times and take it again.
29 Lie outside and look at the clouds. Make up stories about the shapes you see.	30 Give your child a bucket of water and a paint brush. Encourage her to "paint on the sidewalk."	<h2>June 2008</h2>				

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<h2>July</h2>		1 Look in the paper for information about fourth of July festivities. Plan to attend one with your child.	2 Create a costume box for your child. Add yard sale treasures such as gloves, hats and shoes.	3 For five minutes both you and your child write a story. Then switch and finish each other's story.	4 Talk about the word "independence" with your child today. What does it mean?	5 Play a game with your child today. It can be an active outdoor game or a quiet board game.
6 Books that win the Caldecott medal have great illustrations. Help your child find one at the library.	7 Does your child spend too much time watching TV? Plan a TV schedule with your child for this week.	8 Going out to dinner? Let your child help estimate the tip.	9 Put three items in a bag. Have your child and a friend use them as props for a five-minute skit.	10 Does your child use the Internet? Monitor which sites she is visiting. Be aware of online predators.	11 Are you planning a trip? Give your child a map and let him plan the route you'll take.	12 Visit a zoo or park. Observe some animals. Ask your child to walk like they do.
13 Even young children can help others. Let your child help you sort clothes to give to a charity.	14 Make your own rain. Turn on the sprinkler and run through it with your child.	15 Let your child help you make a family chore chart. Everyone can check off jobs as they are finished.	16 Look in the newspaper for interesting words. Help your child look them up in a dictionary.	17 Help your child put together a jigsaw puzzle today.	18 Give your child a spiral notebook for a journal. Ask her to write in it for ten minutes each day.	19 Visit a farmer's market with your child. Buy fresh fruits and vegetables for dinner tonight.
20 Read the Sunday comics with your child. Take turns reading aloud.	21 Give every letter of the alphabet a monetary value. A = 1¢, B = 2¢, etc. Which words are most valuable?	22 Bake cookies with your child today. Let him figure out how to double the recipe.	23 Encourage your child to put on a talent show or puppet show. You provide the popcorn and the applause.	24 Review math facts tonight. Make flash cards so your child's math skills don't slip over the summer.	25 Camp out in your living room. Read books by flashlight.	26 Have a geography challenge. Name a state or province. Who can name the capital?
27 Visit an art museum or look at works of art online or in books today. Does your child have a favorite artist?	28 Look at a photo in the paper today with your child. Talk about it. Then read the article together.	29 Can your child name her grandparents and great-grandparents? Talk about family history today.	30 Does your child ride a bike? Review the rules of bicycle safety today.	31 Ask the librarian to teach your child how to find a book in the library today.	<h2>2008</h2>	

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August 2008					1 Plan to get some exercise with your child every day this month.	2 Have your child look for "buried treasure." Make a map that leads to a small treasure.
3 Look through the "Help Wanted" section of the paper with your child. What job would he want?	4 How would your child handle an emergency? Teach her how to call 911. What should she say?	5 Does your child's school have a website? See if you can find it today.	6 Are you taking a car trip? Don't forget to take books on tape.	7 Does your child need new books? Try a neighborhood book swap.	8 Is your child turning into a summer couch potato? Limit TV time and encourage outdoor play.	9 Have a 20 minute D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything And Read).
10 Give your child some sidewalk chalk. Do math problems outside together.	11 Help your child check out a book on insects. Together find and identify some in your backyard.	12 Look in the paper for a TV program on science or history. Watch it with your child.	13 Will your child need a back-to-school physical or immunizations? Make an appointment now.	14 Fall activities will be starting soon. Don't let your child get over-scheduled. Schoolwork comes first.	15 Help your child set up a play store. It's a good way to practice math skills.	16 Include your child in preparing a healthy meal.
17 Help your child check out back-to-school sales in the paper. Look for the best buys.	18 Does your child have a special reading and study spot? Stock it with paper, pencils and a dictionary.	19 Talk to your child about peer group pressure. Talk about ways to say no to drugs and alcohol.	20 Does your child's school send home a calendar for the year? Post it in a prominent spot.	21 What has your child learned this summer? Compliment him on his progress.	22 Encourage your child to write a letter today to a distant relative or friend.	23 Take your child grocery shopping with you today. Stock up on nutritious snack items.
24 Give your child a hug today.	25 Have your child start going to bed and getting up on a school schedule this week.	26 Have each family member write a funny sentence. Put them together to make a story.	27 Do you know your child's friends? Have your child help you make a list of their names and phone numbers.	28 Let your child read the paper and report on a news story at dinner tonight.	29 Explore the magazine section of the library with your child today.	30 Take your child out to breakfast today. Talk about goals for the new school year.
31 Help your child write her address.						