

Parent Pointers

Calendar

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Parents
still make the difference!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October		1 Remind your child that using inappropriate language will lower other people's opinions of him.	2 Encourage your child to ask at least one question in each of her classes.	3 Talk about ways your child can show his teachers respect: arriving to class on time, following directions and participating.	4 Don't criticize or correct your child in front of her peers.	5 Have your child use the letters in his name to write a poem about himself.
6 Don't let your child convince you that casually missing school is "no big deal." Expect her to go to school every day.	7 Ask your child to draw a diagram of something he is learning in school.	8 Find quotations that will motivate your child. Post a favorite one on the mirror she uses.	9 Review your child's schedule. Make sure he has enough time to complete homework every night.	10 Eliminate distractions during your child's homework time.	11 Ask your child to tell you what the word <i>success</i> means to her.	12 As a family, spend 20 minutes on DEAR time today (Drop Everything And Read).
13 Have everyone in the family spend 30 minutes cleaning up the house. Many hands make light work.	14 Encourage your child to take responsibility for his work. Remind him only once that it's time to do homework.	15 Do not allow your child to diet unless her doctor determines she has a health problem.	16 Play math "Jeopardy." Give a number. Who can come up with a problem for which it is the answer?	17 Faced with a thorny situation? Try talking with other parents. Teachers can also be a reputable source of advice.	18 Encourage your child to use self-stick notes to write down things he needs to remember.	19 Take your child to the library. Check out two copies of the same book so you can read together.
20 Take a walk with your child and use all five senses to observe the world around you.	21 Help your child improve her vocabulary. Do a crossword puzzle together today.	22 When your child is studying, set the timer for five minutes. Many short reviews work better than one long one.	23 Encourage your child to be a humble winner and a gracious loser.	24 Teach your child to cheer himself on. Positive self-talk, such as "I can do this" will keep him motivated.	25 Give your family members marshmallows and uncooked spaghetti. See who can build the tallest tower.	26 Make today a screen-free day. Let your child be responsible for thinking of other activities.
27 Dig out a favorite children's book and read it together. There are still lessons to be learned.	28 Tell your child why you value education. Talk about her long-range goals.	29 Ask your child to add two four-digit numbers. Can he figure it out on paper before you can with a calculator?	30 Have your child read a news article to you. Share your opinions about it.	31 Does your child need more responsibility? More time to talk? More privacy? Ask what she thinks.	2019	