

Parent Pointers

Calendar

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Middle School
Parents
still make the difference!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 2019					1 Point out an example of prejudice to your child. Talk about ways to deal with intolerance.	2 Have your child research possible future careers. What skills or education are required for each?
3 Write your child a note of thanks. "Thank you for doing the dishes last night. It was such a help."	4 Avoid focusing so much on grades that your child feels he has to cheat.	5 Touch base with your child's teachers and counselor to find out how she is doing in school.	6 Tell your child a story that teaches an important lesson.	7 Explain to your child the concept of banks charging <i>interest</i> for loans.	8 Talk with your child about mistakes. What are some ways people can learn from their mistakes?	9 Teach your child to trust his gut. If he thinks a situation may get out of hand, he should avoid it.
10 Kids know their shortcomings. They need you to remind them of their strengths.	11 Don't criticize your own body in front of your child. Talk about being healthy and strong.	12 Ask your child what she would do if a friend of hers stole something from a store.	13 Praise your child when he studies hard. This encourages him to keep it up.	14 Give your child a newspaper article. Have her circle all the adjectives.	15 When your child visits a friend's home, make sure an adult will be at home.	16 Is your child's room messy? Set the timer for a 15-minute pick-up blitz before he gets together with friends.
17 Watch a movie with your child.	18 Talk to your child about the dangers of vaping.	19 Set a minimum study time for your child. This can prevent rushing through homework.	20 Some middle schoolers are embarrassed by affection in public. But they still like hugs at home!	21 At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself from when you were her age.	22 Have each family member prepare one part of a meal, then enjoy it together.	23 Visit a used book store. Let your child buy a book or two.
24 Learn a new word at breakfast. Challenge family members to use it three times during the day.	25 Helping kids with homework can be tough. Ask your child's teachers for advice.	26 Eliminate phrases that are pessimistic. Replace "It won't work" with "Why not try it?"	27 Talk to your child about social media. He shouldn't post anything he wouldn't want you or a teacher to see.	28 Make a list of all the things that make your family members thankful.	29 Ask your child to teach you something she's learning in school—even if you already know the material.	30 Teach your child how to sew on a button today.