

# Parent Pointers

## Calendar

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*still make the difference!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Have your child make a list of low-cost family activities to do this summer.	<b>2</b> Want to improve communication with your child? Be an attentive listener!	<b>3</b> Discuss a controversial issue with your child. Ask, "What do you think?"	<b>4</b> Encourage your child to write a thank-you note to each of her teachers.	<b>5</b> Before allowing your child to see a movie, read reviews of it or see it yourself.	<b>6</b> Go to the library and help your child find books about kids his age asserting themselves to make a difference.
<b>7</b> Have everyone in the family spend 30 minutes cleaning up the house. Many hands make light work.	<b>8</b> Schedule a day to do something fun with your child. Write it on your calendar.	<b>9</b> Accept your child's mistakes. Allow them to be learning opportunities.	<b>10</b> Remind your child not to reveal personal information online.	<b>11</b> Suggest your child start a reading journal. She can write about each book she reads this summer.	<b>12</b> Try to increase the number of times you eat together as a family each week.	<b>13</b> Help your child open a bank account. Explain how to keep track of deposits and withdrawals.
<b>14</b> Take a family walk after dinner tonight.	<b>15</b> Talk about <i>integrity</i> and why it is so important. Find examples of people who demonstrate integrity.	<b>16</b> Encourage your child to learn about summer volunteer opportunities in your area.	<b>17</b> Discuss the importance of laws with your child. What if there were none? What if they were ignored?	<b>18</b> Don't try to be too understanding. Your child needs a parent more than just another friend.	<b>19</b> Set limits on your child's recreational screen time. Make sure he sticks to the limits over the summer.	<b>20</b> Learn a strategy game with your child, such as chess. Play it often during summer vacation.
<b>21</b> Encourage your child to choose her favorite characters from any kind of media and write a story about them.	<b>22</b> Challenge everyone in your family to learn and use one new word a day.	<b>23</b> Model self-respect. Speak positively about yourself and take care of your health and relationships.	<b>24</b> If your child is home alone during the day, review the house rules.	<b>25</b> Share your experiences with your child. Talk about places you have been or jobs you have had.	<b>26</b> Make an I'm Bored box. Fill it with craft activities and things to read.	<b>27</b> Make today a screen-free day. Let your child be responsible for thinking of other activities.
<b>28</b> Suggest your child start a scrapbook to document the highlights of his summer vacation.	<b>29</b> Ask your child to clean out her closet. She can donate gently-used clothing to a charity.	<b>30</b> If your child wants you to rethink a rule, ask him to build a case and present it to you.	<b>31</b> Challenge your child to research your family tree or a cultural tradition.	<b>June 2020</b>		