

Parent & Child Activity Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2017					1 Look online or in the newspaper for a list of seasonal events. Plan to attend one as a family this month.	2 Set aside time today to work on craft projects with your child. Perhaps he can give these as gifts.
3 Post a vocabulary word and its definition on the bathroom mirror. Change it every three or four days.	4 Talk with your child about a choice you've made and the consequence of that choice.	5 Read a news article with your child today.	6 Have your child name animals she loves. If she could choose one to have as a pet, which would it be? Why?	7 Holidays have you feeling hassled? Share the responsibility. As kids help, they appreciate holidays even more.	8 Plan a No TV evening. Read or play games as a family instead.	9 Have an indoor campout. Make a tent from a blanket. Eat s'mores and read stories.
10 Listen to a new kind of music with your child. Talk about how it makes each of you feel.	11 Have your child draw a picture while he is blindfolded. Direct him as he draws.	12 Many people celebrate holidays in December. What holidays can your child name? Talk about why they are special.	13 Give your child a small indoor plant to take care of. Put her in charge of the watering schedule.	14 What is the coldest place in the nation today? The warmest? What's the difference between the two temperatures?	15 Put a leafy stalk of celery into colored water. Watch the color rise into the stalk over the next week.	16 Bake cookies with your child. If you're doubling a recipe, have your child do the math.
17 Choose a number, then have your child list all the things he can think of that come in that number.	18 Talk about how animals survive the winter months. What do bears do? How about birds?	19 Recreate a tradition from your own childhood. Share it with your child.	20 Talk to your child about the importance of writing thank-you notes for gifts.	21 Tonight is the longest night of the year. Give everyone in the family a flashlight so they can read in bed.	22 Have a family sing-along. Ask family members to share their favorite songs.	23 Have your child replace the adjectives on a printed ad with their opposites.
24 Have your child write and mail a letter to a friend.	25 Tell your child three things that you love about her. Have her tell you three things that she loves about you.	26 Take a walk with your child. Look for things you only see in December—holiday decorations and lights.	27 Talk about your child's favorite winter activity. Make plans to do it together.	28 Talk with your child about the very best present he ever received. What made it special?	29 Let your child invite a friend over. Pop popcorn or create ice cream sundaes.	30 Tell your child you love her.
31 Help your child create a time line of the last year.						

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7 With your child, learn how to count to 10 in at least three different languages.	8 If you don't have time to read to your child at night, read in the morning. It's a real "power breakfast."	9 Allow a few minutes after the light is off at bedtime for quiet conversation with your child.	10 When your child comes home, have her draw a picture of something that happened in school. Talk about it.	11 When you're in the store, ask your child to figure how much tax you will be charged.	12 Ask your child to help you organize something, such as a closet.	13 Teach your child about investing. Start an imaginary stock portfolio together and monitor it regularly.
14 Play I Spy with your child. Say "I spy something orange." Let your child guess what it is.	15 Ask your child to tell you about the nicest thing a friend has ever done for him.	16 Pick a category. Ask your child to pick a letter. How many items from the category begin with that letter?	17 Ask your child if she ever had a dream that really scared her. What was it about?	18 Watch a television show with the sound muted. Ask family members to make up the dialogue.	19 Does your child have homework to complete over the weekend? Make sure he schedules time to complete it.	20 Encourage your child to sort her books by subject. She can use the library's system or invent her own.
21 Read a story to your child. Later, ask him to retell it to you from memory.	22 Give your child a measuring tape. Ask her to measure and record the dimensions of six objects in your home.	23 Discuss ways that different farm animals help us. For example: Cows give us milk; sheep give us wool.	24 Let your child help with a household chore today. Remember to thank him when he finishes.	25 Sometime today, exchange notes with your child instead of talking. (This also works when things get noisy!)	26 Play a game that reinforces number sense. You might try Gin Rummy or Go Fish.	27 It's the birthday of W.A. Mozart. Listen to some classical music with your child.
28 Teach your child how to sew on a button today.	29 Have your child do her easiest homework first today and her hardest first tomorrow. Which order works best?	30 Watch the news on TV with your child. Choose one story and have him compare it with a news article on the same topic.	31 Talk with your child about new words that she thinks should be in the dictionary. Have her write the definitions.	<h1>January 2018</h1>		

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<h1>February 2018</h1>				1 Start a chain of hearts. Cut out small hearts. Each day, write a reason you love your child on one and attach it to the chain.	2 Encourage your child to write a thank-you note to a favorite teacher this month.	3 It's International Friendship Month. Have your child plan to do a good deed for a friend.
4 Make a bookmark. On a piece of thin cardboard, have your child draw a scene or write a quotation from a favorite book.	5 Tell your child people learn when they try new things. Today, try a new food or take a new route home together.	6 Be creative in the kitchen. See who can invent the greatest-tasting new pizza topping.	7 Read a story to your child and use a different voice for each character.	8 Have your child write a Valentine's message to someone who is sick or lonely. Mail it to that person.	9 Turn chores into a game. Assign each chore a number and have your child roll a die to see which one she gets.	10 Set aside time today to work on a hobby with your child.
11 It's the birthday of Thomas Edison. Help your child learn about some of his many inventions.	12 Ask your child if he has ever been bullied in school. If he has, be sure to alert the school.	13 After your child goes to bed, leave a Valentine where she'll see it first thing tomorrow morning.	14 Tell and show family members that you love them.	15 At the grocery store, let your child pick out an unfamiliar vegetable. Find a recipe and give it a try!	16 Dissolve some salt and water in a glass. Watch for a few days. Talk about what happens.	17 February is Great American Pie Month. Celebrate by reading a children's book about pies, such as <i>Pie</i> by Sarah Weeks.
18 Make a crossword puzzle with your child to help him review spelling words.	19 In 1473, astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus was born. Ask your child to draw a picture of the solar system.	20 Talk to your child about people she admires. Ask her why she admires them.	21 On a map, have your child find the country from which his ancestors came.	22 It's the birthday of George Washington. How many facts can your child list about this famous president?	23 Challenge your child to look through the house and make a list of everything that comes from plants.	24 Go to the library and check out some books with your child. Check out some books for yourself, too!
25 At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself when you were her age.	26 Have your child write a poem or story from the point of view of a family pet.	27 Have your child read to you as you're cleaning up after dinner. Or read to your child as he cleans up!	28 Put on music and spend 15 minutes drawing or writing with your child. Let the music be your inspiration.			