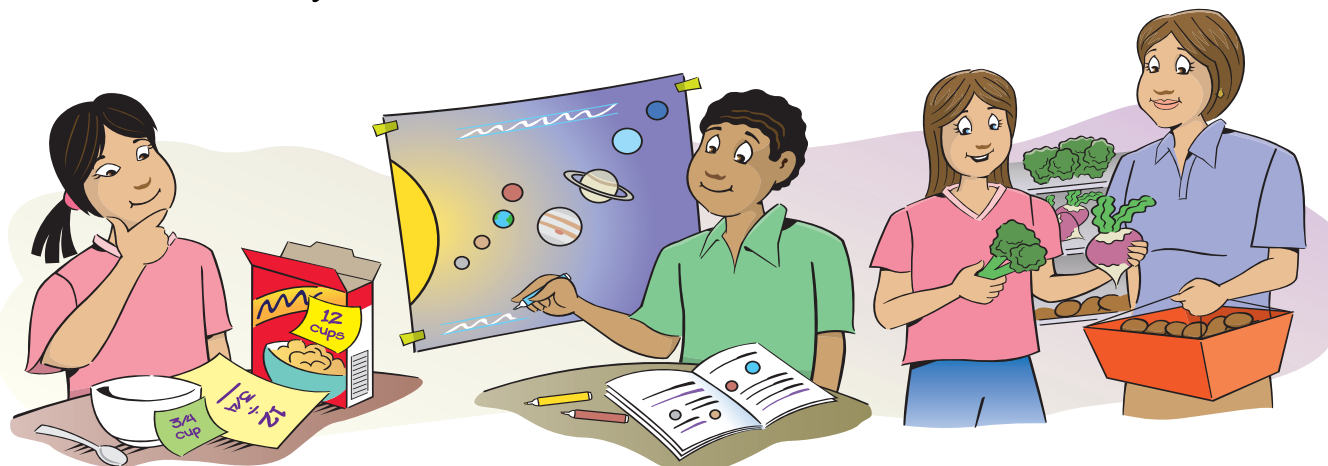


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Plan to spend some one-on-one time with your child this month. Write it on your family calendar.	2 Give every letter of the alphabet a monetary value. A = 1¢, B = 2¢, etc. Ask your child which words are most valuable?	3 Talk about the importance of fruits and vegetables for healthy bodies. Let your child help you prepare some.	4 Find a new way to say "I love you"—in sign language or in secret code.	5 Using permanent marker, mark off inches on the side of a clear jar. Set outside. In one week, see how many inches of rain you get.
6 Have a 20-minute D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything And Read).	7 Have your child rank homework assignments from easiest to hardest. Have her do the hardest one first.	8 Ask your child if he ever had a dream that really scared him. What was it about?	9 Start a sentence-a-day story. In a special notebook, have your child write a story by adding one sentence each day.	10 Look over your child's homework. Give specific compliments and helpful criticism.	11 Just for fun, serve a "backwards dinner." Eat dessert first.	12 Collect bright yarn and fabric scraps. Put in a mesh bag and hang on a tree. See if birds take some to build a nest.
13 Exercise with your child. Try touching your toes, doing sit-ups, running in place or stretching your arms and legs.	14 Help your child make her own dictionary with spelling or vocabulary words.	15 Play math "Jeopardy." Give a number. Who can come up with a problem for which it is the answer?	16 Help your child cut an apple in half. Dip the cut edge in a shallow pan of paint. Press on paper for fruit prints.	17 Look at the weather forecast today. Compare where you live to the rest of the country.	18 Make tonight a no TV night. Instead, have a family reading night. Read books aloud to your child.	19 Does your child need some new books? Try a neighborhood book swap.
20 Play a game with your child today. It can be an active outdoor game or a quiet board game.	21 Encourage your child's creativity. Ask unusual questions. "What would you bring to a picnic in space?"	22 Praise your child for something he did today. Make your praise as specific as possible.	23 Teach your child to take her pulse. Then have her jump up and down 50 times and take it again.	24 Make an effort to reinforce manners today. Remind your child to say <i>please</i> and <i>thank you</i> .	25 Have your child rub two stones together for a few minutes. Can he feel the heat generated? This is caused by <i>friction</i> .	26 Encourage your child to put on a talent show or puppet show. You provide the popcorn and the applause.
27 Read a story together. In the middle of the story, ask your child how he would end it.	28 Let your child help with a household chore today. Remember to thank her when she finishes.	29 Pick a category. Ask your child to pick a letter. How many items from the category begin with that letter?	30 Play "I Spy." Say "I spy something orange." Let your child guess what it is. Then it's his turn to "spy" something.	<h1>April 2014</h1>		