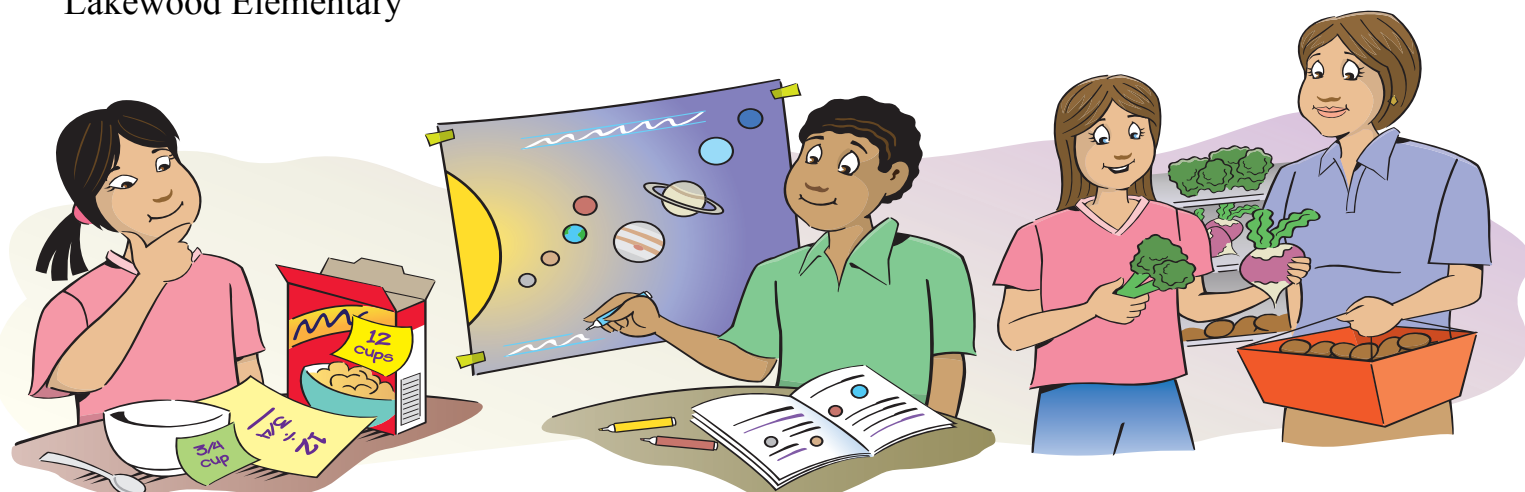


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ask your child to tell you what she would like to make an annual tradition. Then start it!	2 Do the holidays have you feeling hassled? Share the responsibility. As kids help, they appreciate holidays even more.	3 Write a note of encouragement to your child and tuck it in his lunch box or in a school book.	4 Many people celebrate holidays in December. What holidays can your child name? Talk about why each one is special.	5 Ask your child to think of words that describe winter. Then ask her to draw a picture of winter.	6 Give your child a gift certificate good for one special activity with you.	7 At the grocery store, have your child compare two sizes of the same product. Which is the best buy?
8 Give your child a large piece of white paper. Ask him to draw or paint some holiday decorations.	9 Have your child fill a tall container with water. Pour it into a shorter, wider container. Does the quantity of water look different?	10 At the grocery store, have your child estimate how many apples are in two pounds. Use the scales to check.	11 With your child, estimate how many bowls of cereal you can pour from one box. Keep track until the box is empty.	12 Ask your child to add up all the change in your pocket or purse. Help her practice making change.	13 Turn off the TV this evening! Plan on reading or playing games instead.	14 As you do errands, help your child talk with people about the jobs they do.
15 A rebus is a story that replaces some words with pictures. Make a rebus with your child.	16 Look at family photos together. How many relatives can your child name?	17 If your holiday plans involve car travel, pack a goody bag full of snacks and games to keep your child entertained.	18 Hide an object and give your child three easy clues to find it. Praise her for following directions when she is successful.	19 Remove three items from your purse or pocket. Show them to your child. Put them away. Can he name them?	20 Have each family member make a list of his or her strengths. Read them aloud. Add to one another's lists.	21 Take a walk with your child. Look for things you only see in December—for example, holiday decorations and lights.
22 Try blowing bubbles in freezing weather. How does the cold affect them? Look for ice forming on the bubbles.	23 Read a story to your child and use a different voice for each character.	24 Make a list of all the things that make your family members thankful.	25 Tell your child three things that you love about her. Have her tell you three things that she loves about you.	26 Play a board game as a family this evening.	27 Teach your child to take his pulse. Then have him jump up and down 50 times and take it again.	28 Let your child invite a friend over. Pop popcorn or make ice cream sundaes.
29 Watch or read the weather forecast together today. Locate the hottest and the coolest locations on a map.	30 Have your child close his eyes and tell you everything he hears.	31 Set an example for your child. Let her see you reading. Then say, "Reading is so much fun!"	<h1>December 2013</h1>			