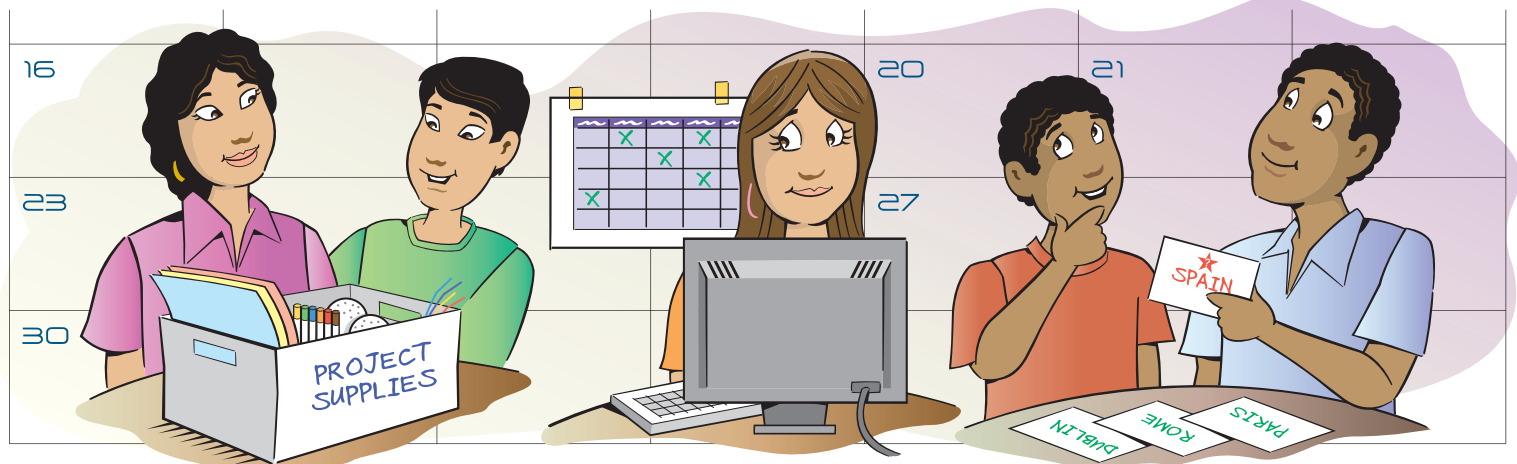


# Parent Pointers

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| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| <b>December</b>  |  | <b>1</b> Encourage your child to write a thank-you note to a favorite teacher.   | <b>2</b> Drive the carpool and just listen. You'll learn a lot about life in middle school.         | <b>3</b> Talk to your child about people he admires. Discuss the reasons why he respects them.     | <b>4</b> When your child visits a friend's home, make sure an adult will be there to supervise.                              | <b>5</b> Find out if your local public library sells used books. If so, let your child purchase one or two.  |
| <b>6</b> Don't try to do everything yourself. Ask your child to take the responsibility for one or two holiday traditions. | <b>7</b> Ask your child, "What do you wish we did differently at home?" Be open to her suggestions.                          | <b>8</b> Watch the news with your child. Have him select one news report and compare it with an article on the same topic.       | <b>9</b> Praise your child's effort when she studies. This will encourage her to keep working hard. | <b>10</b> Recreate a favorite holiday tradition from your own childhood. Share it with your child. | <b>11</b> Have your child time how long a car trip takes. How many miles did you drive? Can he calculate your average speed? | <b>12</b> Have your child research possible future careers. What skills and education are required for each? |
| <b>13</b> Have each family member prepare one part of a meal, then enjoy it together.                                      | <b>14</b> When helping your child with schoolwork, be positive, even if she gets discouraged.                                | <b>15</b> With your child, take turns making statements. Identify each one as either <i>fact</i> or <i>opinion</i> .             | <b>16</b> Talk with your child about dating. Share your values and standards.                       | <b>17</b> Make up trivia questions about your family. Quiz one another at the dinner table.        | <b>18</b> Kids are very busy at this time of year. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep.                                | <b>19</b> Remember that your child doesn't need to have the latest electronic gadget to be happy.            |
| <b>20</b> Dig out a favorite children's book and read it with your child. There are always lessons to be learned.          | <b>21</b> Ask your child to teach you something he's learning in school. Let him explain it (even if you know the material). | <b>22</b> Tonight is the longest night of the year. Let your child read in bed for an extra hour—if there is no school tomorrow! | <b>23</b> Ask your child what she would do if a friend of hers stole something from a store.        | <b>24</b> At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself at his age.                   | <b>25</b> Tell your child one specific thing you love about her today. Try to do this every day.                             | <b>26</b> Talk to your child about the importance of writing thank-you notes for gifts.                      |
| <b>27</b> Give your child love and attention without making him the center of attention all of the time.                   | <b>28</b> Don't use technology time as a reward or punishment. It will make it seem more important to your child.            | <b>29</b> Mention something you learned recently. This shows your child that you value education.                                | <b>30</b> Talk with your child about how each of you could improve your listening skills.           | <b>31</b> Help your child create a time line of the past year.                                     | <b>2015</b>  |  |