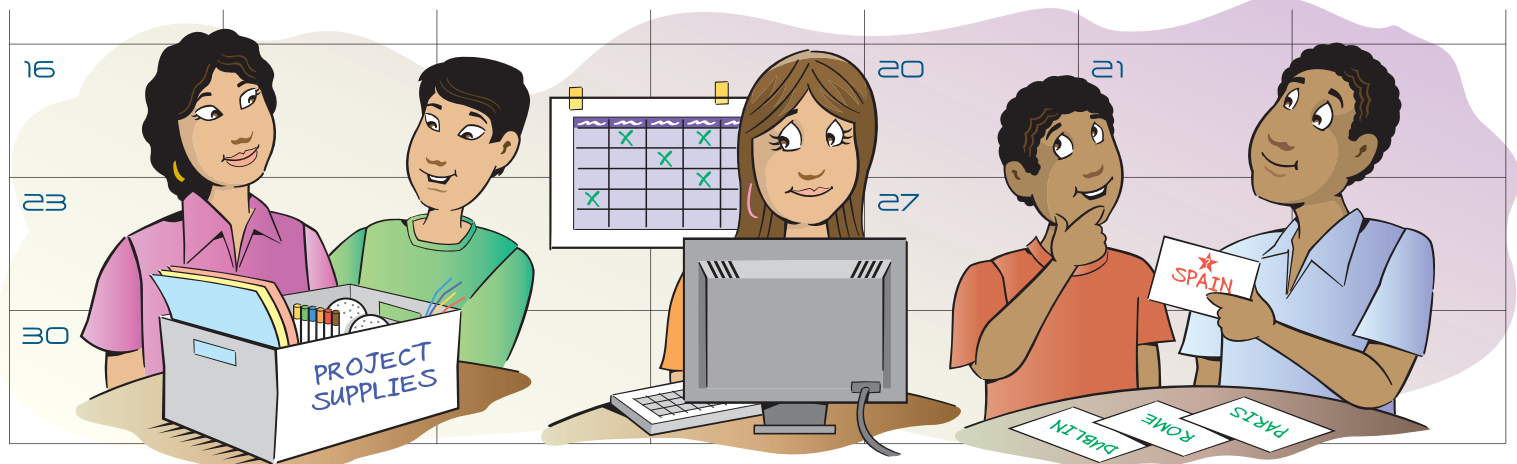


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Parents
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December		1 Encourage your child to write a thank-you note to a favorite teacher.	2 Drive the carpool and just listen. You'll learn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