

Parent & Child Activity Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2011						1 What's one thing your child wants to accomplish this year? Help your child write a plan to achieve this goal.
2 Make a list of three fun things you'd like to do or try as a family. Save the list and refer to it.	3 Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about stars.	4 Compliment your child on a recent accomplishment.	5 Make a puzzle with your child. Glue a picture from a magazine onto cardboard. Cut it into puzzle shapes.	6 What is your child's favorite animal? Ask her to write a story making that animal the main character.	7 On this day in 1782, the first commercial bank was founded. Start a small savings account for your child.	8 It's National Soup Month. Make soup with your child—and enjoy the book <i>Stone Soup</i> together.
9 Tonight at dinner, put a "price" on each item you serve. Have your child figure out the cost of the meal.	10 It's National Clean Off Your Desk Day. Make it "Clean Up Your Homework Place Day," too!	11 Does your child hate to lose? Tell him that <i>effort</i> is more important than <i>winning</i> .	12 Ask your child about the qualities she values most in friendships. Talk about why values are important.	13 The first radio broadcast was on this date in 1910. Instead of watching TV tonight, listen to the radio.	14 Have a contest How many words can family members make from the word JANUARY?	15 Ask your child to open the dictionary to a random page. What new words can you find there?
16 Explain why Martin Luther King's birthday is a holiday. Look for stories or speeches by and about Dr. King.	17 Ask your child to name his favorite subject in school. Why does he like it so much?	18 Teach your child skills she'll need later in life—cooking a simple meal, washing clothes, washing dishes.	19 Watch the news on TV with your child. Choose one story and compare it with the newspaper story.	20 Can you name an animal that starts with every letter of the alphabet? (You can leave out X.)	21 Ask your child to find the coldest and warmest places in the nation today. What's the difference between the two?	22 Have a formal family dinner. Everyone should dress up and use their best table manners.
23 Check out a book about a career.	24 Teach your child a card game.	25 Are your kids fighting? Have them switch roles—it helps them see the other person's point of view.	26 Pretend a circus is coming to town. Talk together about what you would see, hear and taste.	27 It's the birthday of W.A. Mozart. Listen to some classical music with your child.	28 Stuck inside due to bad weather? Use empty cans to create a game of indoor golf.	29 Mention something you learned recently to your child. This shows that you value education.
30 Serve your child breakfast in bed.	31 Read a book as a family.					