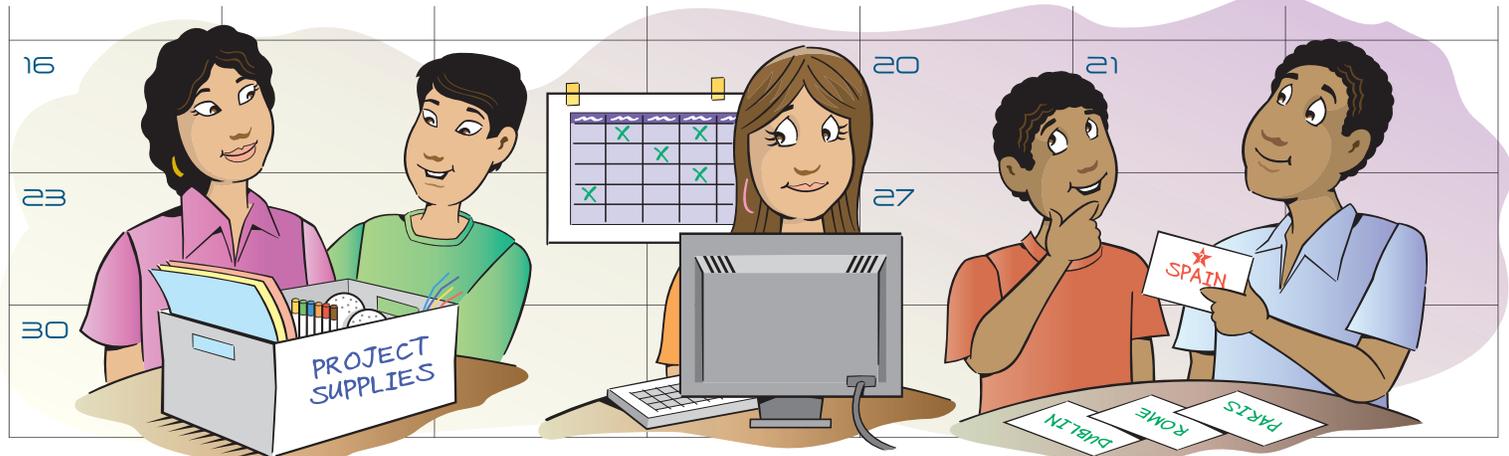


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Let your child see you reading often. This teaches her that reading is not only important, but also fun!	2 With your child, discuss a controversial issue. Ask, "What do you think?"	3 Avoid criticizing your adolescent unnecessarily.	4 Help your child decide how he'll organize his school notebooks and folders this school year.	5 Before allowing your child to see a movie, read the reviews of it or see it yourself.
6 Play a game with your child—cards, charades, a board game—whatever she'd like.	7 Post a list of important school phone numbers in a handy spot near the phone.	8 Does your child forget to bring home books? Have him post a take-home checklist inside his locker.	9 Cut out a cartoon your child will enjoy. Leave it by her place at breakfast.	10 Keep a map or globe visible in your home. Your child will learn a little more about the world each time she sees it.	11 Look for opportunities to volunteer at school. Parent involvement is critical in middle school.	12 Find a sport your child will enjoy. Physical activity is important for kids this age.
13 Celebrate Grandparents' Day by doing something nice together for an elderly person.	14 Ask to see a copy of each class syllabus so you know what your child will be learning this year.	15 Improve communication with your child by being an attentive listener.	16 Keeping track of assignments is very important in middle school. Help your child make a homework notebook.	17 Set aside time to listen as your child tells you about each of his teachers and classes.	18 List three of your child's successes last week. List three of your own. Post the lists where you can see them.	19 Encourage your child to volunteer. She can learn about her community while helping others.
20 If the sky is clear, take a walk late tonight and look at the sky. Can your child pick out any constellations?	21 Call out words from the dictionary during breakfast. See who can spell them.	22 Emphasize the importance of attending school regularly. Point out that attendance is also vital in the working world.	23 Schedule regular trips to the library. Have a box or basket where you keep library books so fines don't accumulate.	24 Remember that children learn from your actions more than your words. Focus on setting a good example.	25 The lines of communication you open now with your child will help you through the teen years.	26 Start a project with your child, such as repairing or building something.
27 Enjoy some physical activity with your child today.	28 Honor Good Neighbor Day by encouraging your child to do a good deed for a neighbor or a teacher.	29 Look over your child's homework. Give compliments and helpful criticism.	30 Kids who take part in extra-curricular activities do better in school. Find a school activity that interests your child.	<h1>September 2015</h1>		