

# Parent Pointers

## Calendar

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Middle School Parents  
*still make the difference!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> Make a paper chain with one ring for each day left until Thanksgiving vacation. Every day, remove a ring.	<b>2</b> Have you met your child's teachers? If not, set up appointments soon.	<b>3</b> Ask your child to imagine life 150 years ago. How about 150 years in the future?	<b>4</b> Middle schoolers like to make a difference. Help your child think of ways to help others.	<b>5</b> Plan a weekend family activity. Let your child invite a friend.
<b>6</b> Ask your child the conditions that are best for him to do homework. Knowing how he learns will help him succeed.	<b>7</b> Find a book that describes holidays around the world. Choose a new holiday to observe, or invent one.	<b>8</b> Ask your child: "Do you think 'honesty is always the best policy'? Why or why not?"	<b>9</b> Watch the news with your child. Locate one place mentioned on a world map.	<b>10</b> The lines of communication you open now with your preteen will help you through the teen years.	<b>11</b> Help your child look up facts about a favorite animal at the library. Use the Internet or an encyclopedia.	<b>12</b> Turn off the TV for the day. Use books, games, talking and exercise as entertainment.
<b>13</b> Cover the illustration on a page of a book. Read the page to your child. Can your child guess what's in the picture?	<b>14</b> Before allowing your child to see a movie, read reviews of it or see it yourself.	<b>15</b> It's Geography Awareness Week. Quiz each other on state, provincial and world capitals at dinner tonight.	<b>16</b> Prepare a hearty snack for your child when she gets home from school. Ask her about her day.	<b>17</b> Make today dictionary day. Talk with your child about new words that should be in the dictionary.	<b>18</b> Take a walk or enjoy some physical activity with your child.	<b>19</b> Today is the anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Read it aloud with your child.
<b>20</b> Does your child use the Internet? Remind him not to reveal personal information online.	<b>21</b> Squash is a native American vegetable. When you're in the supermarket, choose a new squash to try.	<b>22</b> The next time your child misbehaves, use a consequence that <i>teaches</i> rather than just <i>punishes</i> .	<b>23</b> Help your child set priorities when studying. Which is most important? Due first? Most difficult?	<b>24</b> At the dinner table, have each family member share something they're thankful for.	<b>25</b> Every time you talk with your child on the telephone, end your conversation with the words, "I love you."	<b>26</b> Fitting in is crucial to middle schoolers. Minimize your battles over clothes and hair.
<b>27</b> Set aside some time to spend one-on-one with your child today.	<b>28</b> Let your child see you reading often. This teaches that reading is important and fun.	<b>29</b> Read a text-book assignment with your child. Then ask your child to tell you about it in her own words.	<b>30</b> Is your child's room messy? Set the timer for a 15-minute pick-up blitz before he gets together with friends.	<h1>November 2011</h1>		