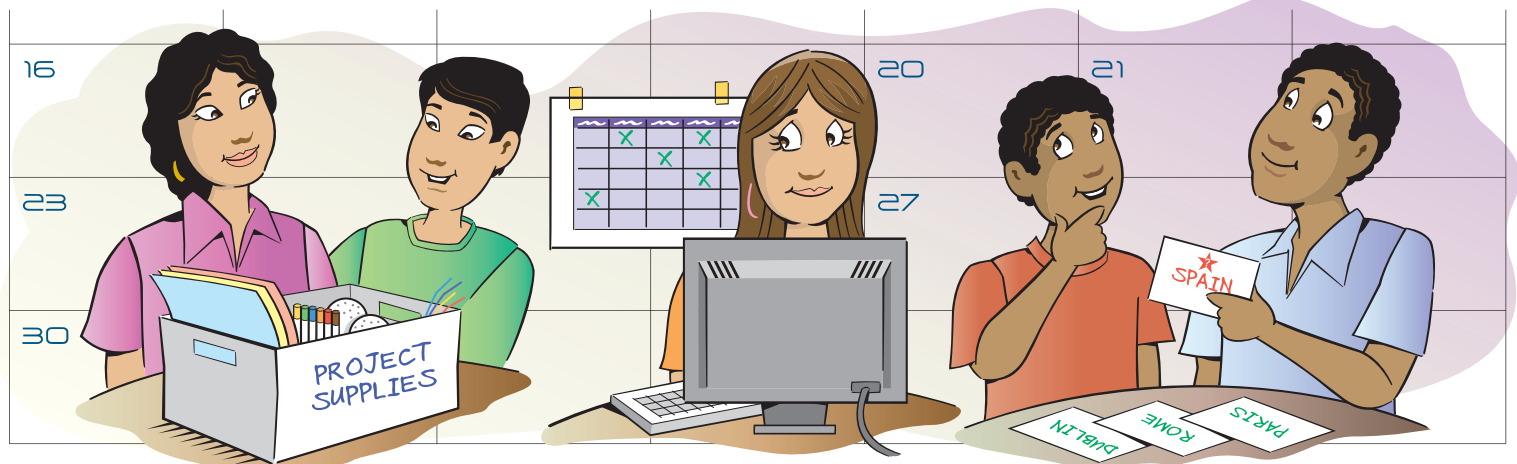


# Parent Pointers

## Calendar

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Middle School Parents *still make the difference!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Celebrate National Bike Month by having your child review the "rules of the road."	<b>2</b> Tell your child that school is his job. It's more important than sports, hobbies and TV.	<b>3</b> Does your child dawdle during homework time? Have her set a timer while working on each assignment.	<b>4</b> Your child may be facing important tests this month. Make sure he gets enough sleep the night before.	<b>5</b> It's Cinco de Mayo. With your child, learn about why this holiday is celebrated in Mexico.	<b>6</b> Listen to your child's concerns but discourage whining.	<b>7</b> Is your child getting enough exercise? Take a brisk walk together today.
<b>8</b> Do you have to drive your child to activities? Use car time to talk.	<b>9</b> Don't use problems with homework as an excuse to criticize or argue about other issues.	<b>10</b> Think of a meaningful quotation you love. Post it where your child will see it.	<b>11</b> Ask your child to guess which ingredients or vitamins are in a food. Then check the label.	<b>12</b> Tell your child that effort is more important than ability when it comes to success.	<b>13</b> With your child, brainstorm ways your family can lower the electric or water bill.	<b>14</b> What are your child's special interests? Help her find books in the library about these topics.
<b>15</b> Give your child a notebook to use as a journal. Ask him to write in it for 10 minutes a day.	<b>16</b> Figure out the average of something with your child, such as the average height of family members.	<b>17</b> Today, talk to your child as you would to a friend or co-worker. How does your child respond?	<b>18</b> Memorize something with your child today. Try a poem or a quotation.	<b>19</b> As you do errands with your child, help her talk with people about the jobs they do.	<b>20</b> Don't criticize or correct your child in front of peers.	<b>21</b> Do you have a home improvement project to do? Let your child help.
<b>22</b> Encourage your child to write a letter to a teacher or coach who has had a positive influence on him.	<b>23</b> Ask your child: "Do you think honesty is always the best policy? Why or why not?"	<b>24</b> Talk with your child about mistakes. How can people learn from their mistakes?	<b>25</b> Ask your child which assignments from this past school year she thinks she'll remember five years from today.	<b>26</b> Have your child estimate how many bowls of cereal he can pour from one box. Keep track until the box is empty.	<b>27</b> Encourage your child to keep a journal of her accomplishments.	<b>28</b> Help your child make a to-do list. Organization is a stepping stone to his independence.
<b>29</b> Volunteer to host your child's team/church/club dinner. You will realize how typical she is for her age!	<b>30</b> Agree on an adult friend who your child can call if he doesn't feel comfortable asking you for advice.	<b>31</b> Skim over your child's homework assignment and ask her questions to help her review.	<h1>May 2016</h1>			