

Parent & Child Activity Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 It's National Pig Day. If your child hasn't read <i>Charlotte's Web</i> , start it today. If you've read it, read it again!	2 Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading one of his books aloud. Have your child make up his own fantastic rhymes.	3 It's the birthday of Alexander Bell, inventor of the telephone. Teach your child how to take a message.	4 Talk with your child about a choice you have made. Then talk about the consequence.	5 Does your child know your state bird? If not, look it up.	6 Go to a nearby park or running trail. Have family members run like the March wind!
7 Create a word search. Hide words in a grid and surround with random letters. Challenge your child to solve it!	8 Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about a famous woman.	9 It's the birthday of Amerigo Vespucci. Have your child find out what continent was named for him.	10 Challenge your child to do a secret good deed for a friend or neighbor.	11 Talk about the <i>best</i> and <i>worst</i> of your day. Give everyone a chance to share.	12 Have a family dinner tonight by candlelight.	13 Start a family scrapbook. Collect souvenirs, photos, certificates and other mementoes. Look through it often.
14 Fill a dishpan with water. Help your child test an assortment of objects. Which will float? Which will sink?	15 Celebrate Nutrition Month by having your child check out a library book about nutrition.	16 Plan a No TV night. Read, play games or listen to music together instead.	17 Pick a new word out of the dictionary. Everyone try to use that word at least three times today!	18 Watch the news with your child. Choose a "Person of the Week." Read more about him or her.	19 Have a reading dinner. Plan a nutritious menu—and make sure everyone pitches in.	20 Today is the first day of spring. Make a list of spring words. Then put them together to make a poem.
21 It's Clutter Awareness Week. Brainstorm about ways to reduce the clutter in your house.	22 Celebrate National Noodle Month. Fix pasta for dinner!	23 Review vocabulary or spelling words at dinner tonight.	24 Today is the birthday of magician Harry Houdini. Learn a magic trick with your child.	25 George Washington planted pecan trees at Mt. Vernon—a gift from Jefferson. Enjoy some pecans today.	26 Use a toothpick dipped in lemon juice & milk to write a message. To decipher, hold paper up to light bulb!	27 Fly a kite with your child.
28 Have your child write a list of the approved TV shows she will watch next week. Stick to the list!	29 When you read aloud, stop at an exciting place. Then ask, "What do you think will happen next?"	30 Does your child know your state flower? Have her look it up if she doesn't.	31 Have your child place a piece of paper on a tree trunk and rub with a crayon. See the tree's unique bark pattern.	<h1>March 2010</h1>		

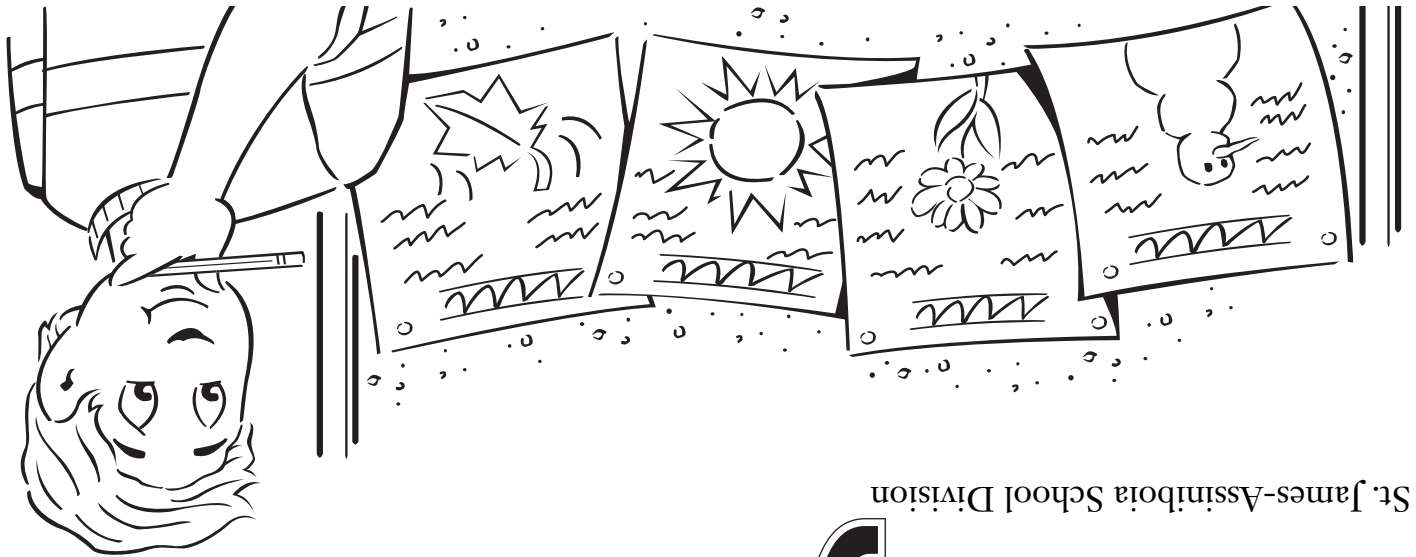
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<h1>April 2010</h1>				1 Celebrate April Fool's Day. Do something silly with your child.	2 Have your child read to you as you are making dinner tonight. Or read to him while he prepares dinner!	3 In 1860, the Pony Express made its first trip. Have your child write or email a letter to someone far away.
4 Review math facts with your child.	5 Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about horses.	6 Open an atlas and point to a page at random. Ask your child what people in that country might eat.	7 Have your child design a new cover for a much-loved book.	8 Help your child start a collection. Provide a place to keep it—a box, a drawer, a shelf.	9 Cut out newspaper pictures. Have your child write stories about what she thinks happened before or after the picture.	10 The safety pin was patented on this day in 1849. Have your child look at one carefully and try to draw it.
11 Find a new way to say "I love you"—in a foreign language, in sign language or in secret code.	12 Today is the anniversary of the first man in space. If your child were going into space, what would he take?	13 Read a newspaper article with your child. Help her learn what's <i>fact</i> and what's <i>opinion</i> .	14 Make a list of words that came from other languages. Here's a start: <i>vamoso, taco, pasta</i> .	15 Have your child go through her toys. Are there any she could donate to a day care, school or favorite charity?	16 Brainstorm how your family could help beautify your neighborhood.	17 Take your child out for breakfast or make his favorite food at home!
18 At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself at her age.	19 It's Turn Off the TV Week. Can your family switch off the set for seven days?	20 Celebrate National Coin Week. Help your child start a coin collection.	21 At bedtime, allow a few minutes after the light is off for quiet conversation with your child.	22 Celebrate Earth Day by planting a tree or a flower as a family.	23 Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about plants.	24 Have everyone in the family spend a 1/2 hour picking up the house. Many hands make light work.
25 Help your child write a family newsletter. Have him interview family members and write up the news.	26 Have a family rhyming dinner. Invent rhyming names for the food you serve.	27 It's the birthday of Samuel Morse (b. 1791). Learn about Morse Code with your child.	28 Learn a tongue twister. At dinner, everyone has to repeat it three times fast.	29 If your family doesn't have time to read at night, consider reading at breakfast.	30 Plan a late bedtime so everyone can read in bed. Serve a healthy snack if you wish.	

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May 2010						1 Have your child pick some flowers (with permission) or pretty weeds to give a bouquet to someone special.
2 Build math skills with a family game night. Play a board game that teaches counting and strategy.	3 Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about animals.	4 It's National Weather Observer's Day. Have your child make a chart to keep track of the weather.	5 Celebrate Be Kind to Animals Week. Have your child do something nice for a family pet ... or feed the birds in a park.	6 Good report card? High grade on a test? Make your achiever "King or Queen for a Day."	7 Have your child share something she has learned about an animal.	8 Take an early morning walk with your child. Look for signs of spring.
9 Create a family joke book. Write one or two jokes per page. Staple pages together.	10 Celebrate Children's Book Week. Check out a library book you enjoyed when you were your child's age.	11 Have each family member make a list of their strengths. Read them aloud. Add to each other's lists.	12 To celebrate the birthday of Edward Lear, help your child write a limerick.	13 Ask the school about the schedule of year-end tests. Make sure your child gets enough sleep the night before.	14 Celebrate National Bike Month by having your child review the "rules of the road."	15 It's Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Enjoy some new physical activity you can do together as a family.
16 Have your child make a collage of features taken from pictures of people in magazines.	17 Visit the library. Help your child check out a detective book.	18 Start a list of places you'd like to visit. Have your child write letters to obtain information about these places.	19 Go through your pantry. Have your child make a list of foods grown in other countries and find them on a map.	20 Talk with your child about families. Who is in your family? Where are they originally from?	21 In 1881, Clara Barton founded the Red Cross. Teach your child basic first aid.	22 Take your child out for breakfast or make something special at home.
23 Communicate without words today.	24 Together, watch and learn about a sport today.	25 Help your child make a list of his goals for the next school year. Did he accomplish what he wanted this year?	26 With your child, enjoy an imaginary trip to another planet. Write a story about your adventure.	27 Use old coffee cans to set up a family golf course in your living room or yard.	28 Plan a late bedtime so everyone can read in bed. Serve a healthy snack if you wish.	29 Have your child think of "what if" questions: What if we walked on our hands? What if dogs could talk?
30 Have a no TV night.	31 Together, read a book about your town.					