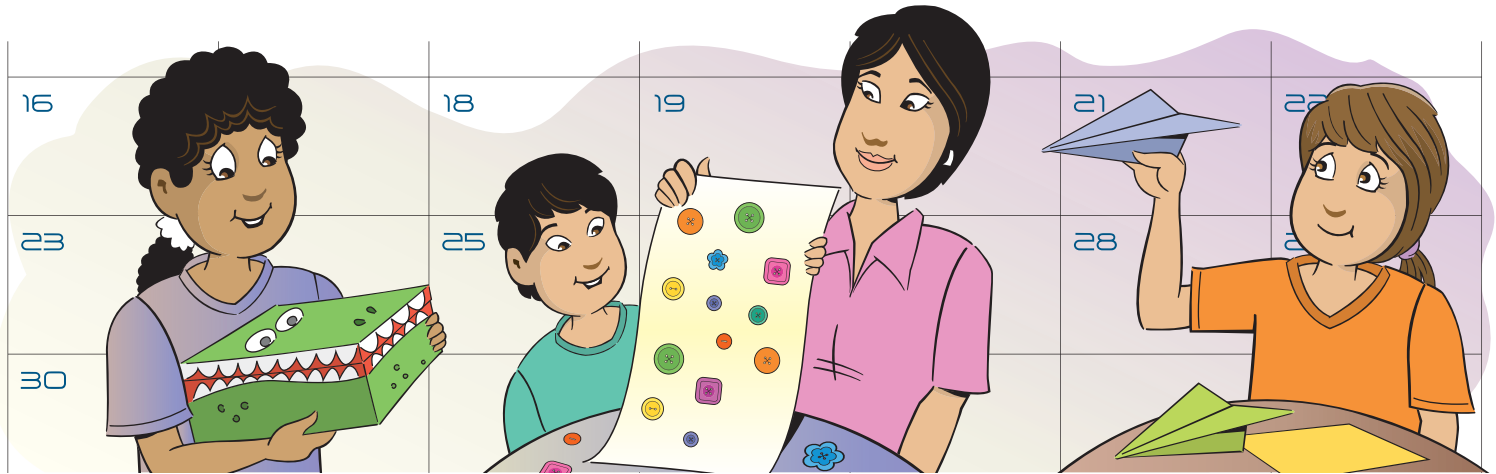


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2>April 2017</h2>						1 Teach your child the rhyme: "April showers bring May flowers." Have him draw a picture of rain and flowers.
2 Create a costume box for your child. Add yard sale treasures such as gloves, hats and shoes.	3 Give your child modeling dough, a rolling pin and cookie cutters. Let her roll out the dough and cut out "cookies" from it.	4 Talk about the difference between pets and other animals. Ask your child if a dog make a good pet. How about a tiger?	5 Show your child a new shape today. If he already knows the basics, introduce a hexagon (six sides) or octagon (eight sides).	6 Talk about good and bad feelings. Have your child give examples of actions or words that make her feel good or bad.	7 Set out different sizes of pots, along with their lids. Ask your child to put the correct lid on each pot.	8 Join your child for a few minutes of pretend play today. If he wants to be the doctor, you pretend to be the patient.
9 Use a permanent marker to mark off inches on the side of a jar. Set the jar outside. See how many inches of rain fall this week.	10 Talk about honesty and why it is so important. Find examples of people who demonstrate honesty.	11 Encourage your child to look at a familiar thing in a new way. A small box can be a doll's bed; a cereal box can be a house.	12 Talk with your child about different types of transportation: cars, boats, bikes, airplanes, trains, buses, etc.	13 Play "Silly Simon Says." Ask your child to pick up a block without her hands, or to talk without opening her mouth.	14 Have your child name five foods that help him grow and two foods that taste good but do not help him grow.	15 Play with stuffed animals. Have an animal ask your child her name, age, and other facts she should know.
16 Does your child need new books? Organize a neighborhood book swap.	17 Show your child photos of himself at different stages of life. See if he can tell in which photo he was youngest.	18 Allow your child to use an adult tool, with your supervision. A flashlight is a great tool for beginners.	19 Emphasize the concepts of <i>now</i> and <i>later</i> . Say, "Now we'll clean up. Later we'll eat dinner."	20 Paste a magazine picture on cardboard. Punch holes in the picture. Have your child thread a shoelace through the holes.	21 Let your child help you prepare a healthy meal.	22 Have a 20-minute D.E.A.R. time (Drop Everything And Read).
23 Give your child a hug today.	24 Give your child four measuring spoons. Ask her to line them up from biggest to smallest. Then nest them one inside another.	25 Talk to your child about the things he does with his body: walk, eat, smell, throw. Which body part does he use to do them?	26 Ask your child questions that require more than a <i>yes</i> or <i>no</i> answer: "What was your favorite part of the story?"	27 Read a poem aloud. Stop to let your child guess what the next rhyming word will be.	28 At dinner, have each family member say something nice about every person at the table.	29 Have your child look for buried treasure. Make a map that leads to a small treasure and have him follow it.
30 Sing a silly song with your child today.						