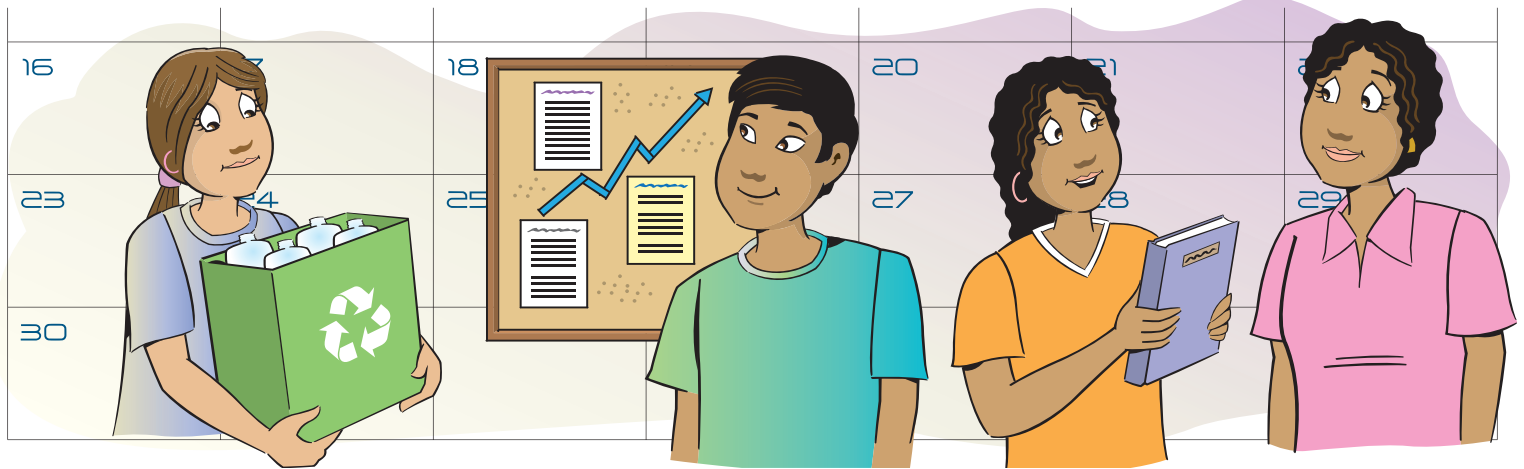


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Calendar

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Middle School Parents *still make the difference!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Tell your child that school is her job. It's more important than sports, hobbies and TV.	2 Link your child's responsibilities to freedom. As he becomes more responsible, he'll have more freedom.	3 Encourage your child to write a thank-you note to a favorite teacher.	4 When your child visits a friend's home, make sure there will be adult supervision.
5 Spend 20 minutes on DEAR time today (Drop Everything and Read).	6 Ask your child what she would do if a friend of hers stole something from a store.	7 Tell your child one specific thing you love about him today. Try to do this every day.	8 Ask your child to teach you something she's learning in school. Let her explain it (even if you already know the material).	9 Discuss an international news event with your child. How is it affecting your country?	10 Remember that the key to getting your child's respect is showing your child respect.	11 It's the birthday of Thomas Edison. Teach your child his saying, "There is no substitute for hard work."
12 Take a walk with your child and use all five senses to observe the world around you.	13 After your child goes to bed, leave a valentine where he'll see it when he wakes up tomorrow morning.	14 Serve your child's favorite breakfast today just to say, "I love you."	15 The next time you drop your child off at practice or rehearsal, stay a few minutes and watch.	16 Notice and talk about the good qualities of your child's friends.	17 Read an editorial with your child. Tell her if you agree with the opinions stated. Ask what she thinks.	18 Have everyone in the family spend a half hour cleaning up the house. Many hands make light work.
19 Take your child out for breakfast. Each of you talk about your goals for the next five years.	20 Ask your child, "What do you wish we did differently at home?" Be open to his suggestions.	21 Ask your child to tell you what the word <i>success</i> means to her.	22 If your child is faced with a big decision, talk about it within the context of your family values or faith.	23 Keep talking about school. Every day, ask your child what he's doing and thinking about.	24 Help your child make a to-do list. Organization is a stepping stone to independence.	25 Pack a nutritious lunch and go for a picnic with your child today.
26 Make tonight another No TV night. Read instead.	27 Ask your child which assignments from this school year she thinks she'll remember five years from today.	28 When your child overreacts, it's important for you not to. Set a time to talk later when you both are in control.	<h1>February 2017</h1>			