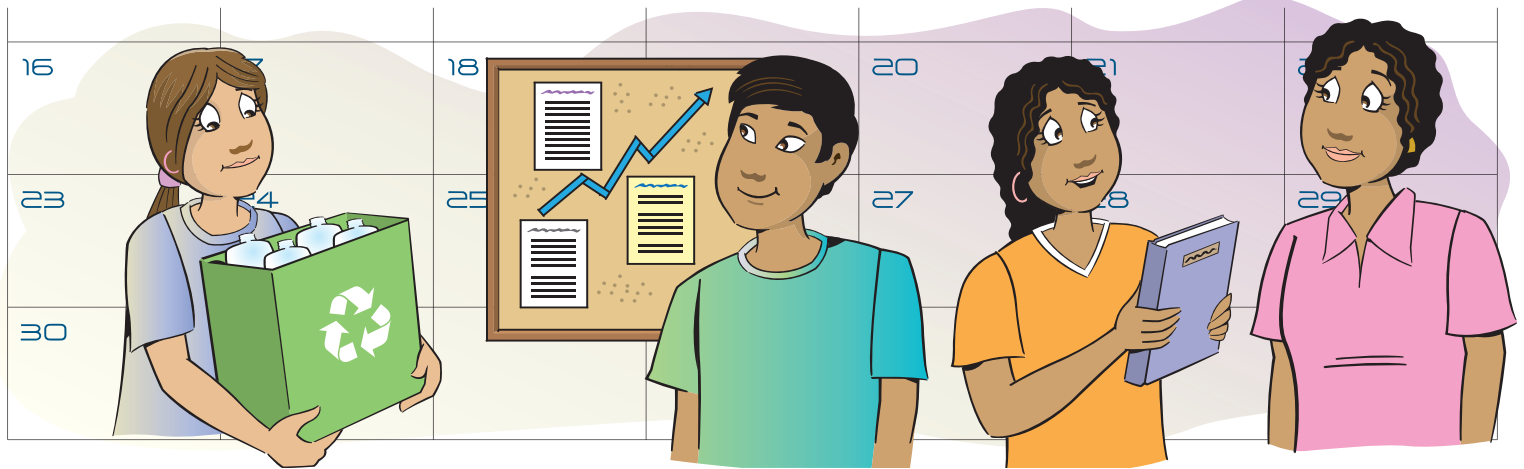


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Middle School Parents *still make the difference!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Teach your child a tongue twister. At dinner, challenge her to repeat it three times fast.	2 Remind your child how important it is to turn in work. Just one zero can bring a grade down an entire letter.	3 Tell your child one specific thing you love about him. Try to do this every day.	4 Does your child think she needs more freedom? More time to talk? More privacy? Ask what she thinks.	5 With your child, discuss the dangers of vaping and smoking.	6 Visit an outdoor site with your child today, such as a garden or a park.
7 Ask your child for his advice about a problem you are facing.	8 Talk about something you learned recently. This shows your child that you value education.	9 Learn a new word at breakfast. Challenge family members to use it three times during the day.	10 Start a list of places your family would like to visit. Have your child research information about these places.	11 Some middle schoolers are embarrassed by affection in public. But they still like hugs at home!	12 Spend a few minutes talking with your child at bedtime.	13 Dig out a favorite children's book and read it together. There are still lessons to be learned.
14 Go on a nature walk with your child. Notice things you have never seen before.	15 Ask your child to select and read a news article to you. Share your opinions about it.	16 Try to have a rhyming conversation with your child. It may be tough at first, but you'll get better!	17 Tell your child that school is her job. It's more important than sports, hobbies and TV.	18 Point out an example of prejudice to your child. Talk about ways to deal with intolerance.	19 Take turns making statements with your child. Identify each one as either <i>fact</i> or <i>opinion</i> .	20 Keep the TV turned off today. Let your child be responsible for thinking of alternate activities.
21 Spend 20 minutes on DEAR time today (Drop Everything and Read).	22 Social media makes it easy to hurt someone. Tell your child not to post anything he wouldn't say to someone's face.	23 Talk to your child about people she admires. Discuss the reasons why she admires them.	24 When your child tells you something important, repeat it to make sure you understood.	25 Discuss an international news event with your child. How is it affecting your country?	26 Let your child overhear you say something good about him to someone else.	27 Find out if your local public library sells used books. If so, let your child purchase one or two.
28 Take a walk with your child and use your senses to observe the world around you.	29 Don't use problems with homework as an excuse to criticize or argue about other issues with your child.	30 Ask your child, "If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?"	31 Encourage your child to write a letter to a teacher or coach who has positively influenced her.	<h1>May 2017</h1>		