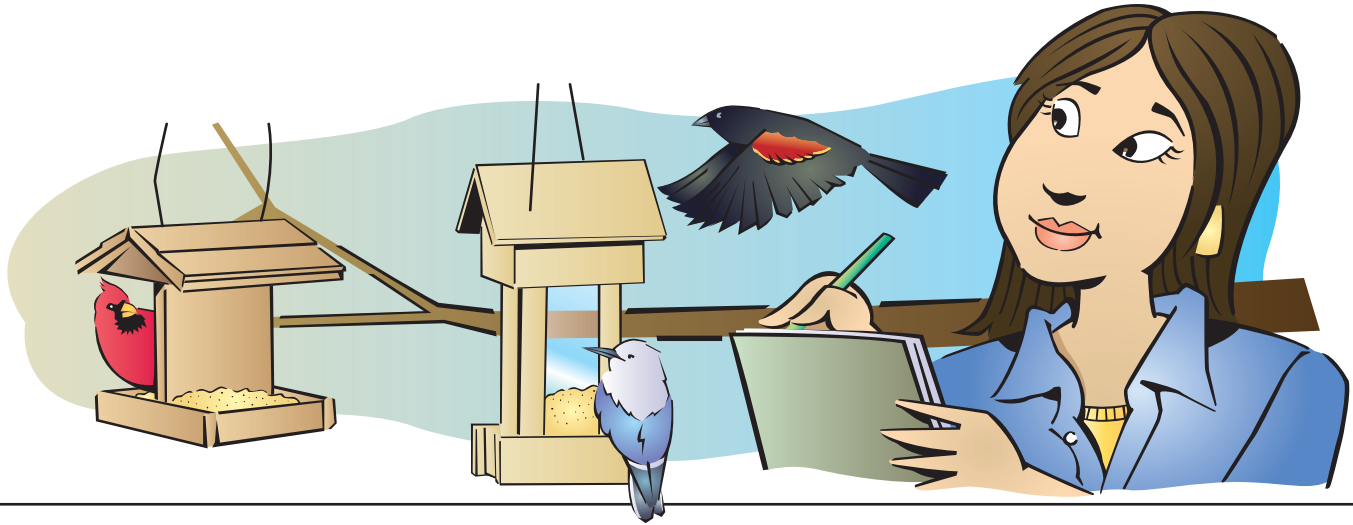


Parent Pointers

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Middle School Parents
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2010					<p>1 Call a relative to say "Happy new year!" Let your child have a turn on the phone.</p>	<p>2 Use a family calendar to keep track of schedules. Encourage everyone to check it often.</p>
<p>3 Tell your child about your expectations. If you expect her to succeed, she probably will.</p>	<p>4 Limit interruptions during your child's homework time. Snack breaks are okay, though.</p>	<p>5 Attendance at school is important. Let your child stay home only when it's really necessary.</p>	<p>6 Before leaving school, your child should double-check his backpack for needed items.</p>	<p>7 Discourage TV viewing by putting the TV in an inconvenient spot.</p>	<p>8 Notice your child's interests and encourage her to find books on these topics.</p>	<p>9 Give your child a "do-it-yourself" gift. For example, a model plane or book of kids' recipes.</p>
<p>10 Teach your child, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail." Planning ahead is a key to success.</p>	<p>11 Your child can alphabetize hard-to-spell words in an address book, then look them up when needed.</p>	<p>12 Next time your child dawdles, start a race. Say, "Try to finish by the time I count to 30."</p>	<p>13 If your family can't eat dinner together every day, try meeting for breakfast.</p>	<p>14 Before your child gives a speech, teach her to make eye contact with listeners.</p>	<p>15 Encourage your child to break large tasks into small parts. This makes projects easier to finish.</p>	<p>16 It's helpful to know your child's friends. Make your home "kid-friendly," so kids will hang out there.</p>
<p>17 Practice your child's favorite sport with her. Playing sports can improve kids' self-esteem.</p>	<p>18 Teach your child to ask <i>who?</i>, <i>what?</i>, <i>when?</i>, <i>where?</i>, <i>why?</i> and <i>how?</i> when doing research.</p>	<p>19 Record the end of a TV program. Guess with your child what will happen before you watch it.</p>	<p>20 Redoing kids' chores can hurt their self-esteem. Instead, give tips for improvement.</p>	<p>21 Choose a special place for displaying your child's work.</p>	<p>22 Ask your child if she'd like a pen pal. Your librarian can help her find one.</p>	<p>23 When studying history, acting out past events can bring lessons alive.</p>
<p>24 Spend time with your child.</p>	<p>25 Encourage your child when she faces challenges. Say, "Go for it!" or, "You can do it!"</p>	<p>26 Limit drinks with caffeine at night. They can deprive your child of needed sleep.</p>	<p>27 Ask your child, "What assignments do you have today?"</p>	<p>28 Cut out a magazine or newspaper article your child might enjoy. Share it with her.</p>	<p>29 Point out an example of prejudice. Talk about ways to deal with intolerance.</p>	<p>30 Review what your child should do in an emergency, such as a fire.</p>
<p>31 Take your child to a museum.</p>						