

Parent Pointers

Calendar

Lake Shore Public Schools



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Middle School
Parents
still make the difference!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Celebrate April Fool's Day. Do something silly with your child.	2 Let your child daydream. This builds imagination and coping skills.	3 April is Math Education Month. Take time to review math with your child each day this month.	4 Try to have a rhyming conversation with your child. It may be tough at first, but you'll get better!	5 Check on your child's grades. If necessary, help her raise them before the year ends.	6 Ask your child to teach you something he's learning in school. Let him explain it, even if you understand.	7 "Because I said so!" may be a frustrating thing for middle schoolers to hear. Explain your reasoning.
8 Learn about the dangers of inhalant abuse. Talk about them with your child.	9 Start having weekly family meetings. Talk about family news, goals and successes.	10 Tell your child that school is her job. It's more important than sports, hobbies and TV.	11 Point out an example of prejudice to your child. Talk about ways to deal with intolerance.	12 Give your child a plant. Let him be responsible for its care.	13 Some middleers are embarrassed by affection in public. But they still like hugs at home!	14 Compare your family's values to those on TV. How are they different or alike?
15 Go through your cupboards. List all the foods that are grown in other countries. Find these countries on a map.	16 Helping kids with homework can be tough. Ask your child's teacher for advice.	17 Start a list of places you'd like to visit. Have your child write letters to obtain information about these places.	18 Learn a new word at breakfast. Challenge family members to use it three times that day.	19 Help your child make a fruit salad. Include at least one new or unfamiliar fruit.	20 Figure out the average of something with your child, such as family members' ages.	21 At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself at her age.
22 Celebrate Earth Day by doing something good for the environment, such as recycling.	23 Check out a book about a career your child is interested in.	24 Learn the symptoms of eating disorders. Does your child have healthy habits?	25 Teach your child a favorite song from when you were his age.	26 Give your child the facts about sex—and discuss how your values relate to the facts.	27 It's the birthday of Samuel Morse. Send messages to each other in Morse Code.	28 Help your child think of tough situations she might face. How would she handle them?
29 Would your child like to play a musical instrument? Encourage his interest.	30 Show your child her baby book. Talk about how special she was—and still is.	<h1>April 2012</h1>				