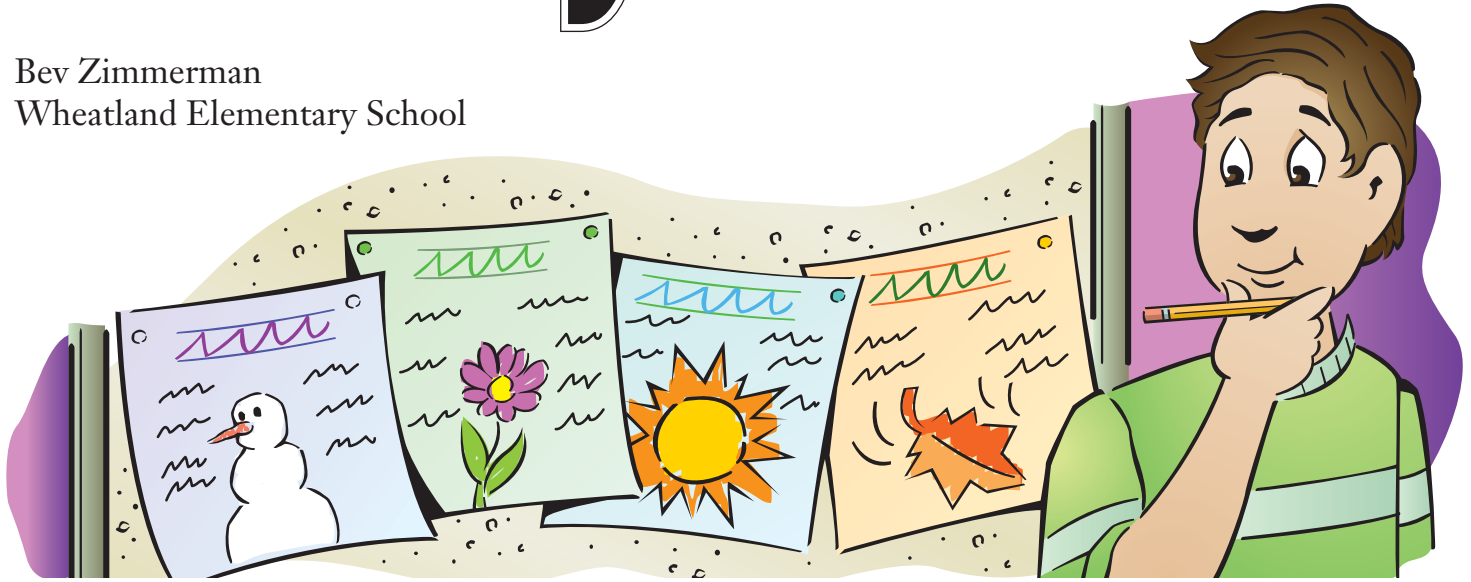


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2010				1 Celebrate April Fool's Day. Do something silly with your child.	2 Have your child read to you as you are making dinner tonight. Or read to him while he prepares dinner!	3 In 1860, the Pony Express made its first trip. Have your child write or email a letter to someone far away.
4 Review math facts with your child.	5 Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about horses.	6 Open an atlas and point to a page at random. Ask your child what people in that country might eat.	7 Have your child design a new cover for a much-loved book.	8 Help your child start a collection. Provide a place to keep it—a box, a drawer, a shelf.	9 Cut out newspaper pictures. Have your child write stories about what she thinks happened before or after the picture.	10 The safety pin was patented on this day in 1849. Have your child look at one carefully and try to draw it.
11 Find a new way to say "I love you"—in a foreign language, in sign language or in secret code.	12 Today is the anniversary of the first man in space. If your child were going into space, what would he take?	13 Read a newspaper article with your child. Help her learn what's <i>fact</i> and what's <i>opinion</i> .	14 Make a list of words that came from other languages. Here's a start: <i>vamoose, taco, pasta</i> .	15 Have your child go through her toys. Are there any she could donate to a day care, school or favorite charity?	16 Brainstorm how your family could help beautify your neighborhood.	17 Take your child out for breakfast or make his favorite food at home!
18 At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself at her age.	19 It's Turn Off the TV Week. Can your family switch off the set for seven days?	20 Celebrate National Coin Week. Help your child start a coin collection.	21 At bedtime, allow a few minutes after the light is off for quiet conversation with your child.	22 Celebrate Earth Day by planting a tree or a flower as a family.	23 Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about plants.	24 Have everyone in the family spend a 1/2 hour picking up the house. Many hands make light work.
25 Help your child write a family newsletter. Have him interview family members and write up the news.	26 Have a family rhyming dinner. Invent rhyming names for the food you serve.	27 It's the birthday of Samuel Morse (b. 1791). Learn about Morse Code with your child.	28 Learn a tongue twister. At dinner, everyone has to repeat it three times fast.	29 If your family doesn't have time to read at night, consider reading at breakfast.	30 Plan a late bedtime so everyone can read in bed. Serve a healthy snack if you wish.	