

# Parent & Child Activity Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> It's National Pig Day. If your child hasn't read <i>Charlotte's Web</i> , start it today. If you've read it, read it again!	<b>2</b> Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading one of his books aloud. Have your child make up his own fantastic rhymes.	<b>3</b> It's the birthday of Alexander Bell, inventor of the telephone. Teach your child how to take a message.	<b>4</b> Talk with your child about a choice you have made. Then talk about the consequence.	<b>5</b> Does your child know your state bird? If not, look it up.	<b>6</b> Go to a nearby park or running trail. Have family members run like the March wind!
<b>7</b> Create a word search. Hide words in a grid and surround with random letters. Challenge your child to solve it!	<b>8</b> Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about a famous woman.	<b>9</b> It's the birthday of Amerigo Vespucci. Have your child find out what continent was named for him.	<b>10</b> Challenge your child to do a secret good deed for a friend or neighbor.	<b>11</b> Talk about the <i>best</i> and <i>worst</i> of your day. Give everyone a chance to share.	<b>12</b> Have a family dinner tonight by candlelight.	<b>13</b> Start a family scrapbook. Collect souvenirs, photos, certificates and other mementoes. Look through it often.
<b>14</b> Fill a dishpan with water. Help your child test an assortment of objects. Which will float? Which will sink?	<b>15</b> Celebrate Nutrition Month by having your child check out a library book about nutrition.	<b>16</b> Plan a No TV night. Read, play games or listen to music together instead.	<b>17</b> Pick a new word out of the dictionary. Everyone try to use that word at least three times today!	<b>18</b> Watch the news with your child. Choose a "Person of the Week." Read more about him or her.	<b>19</b> Have a reading dinner. Plan a nutritious menu—and make sure everyone pitches in.	<b>20</b> Today is the first day of spring. Make a list of spring words. Then put them together to make a poem.
<b>21</b> It's Clutter Awareness Week. Brainstorm about ways to reduce the clutter in your house.	<b>22</b> Celebrate National Noodle Month. Fix pasta for dinner!	<b>23</b> Review vocabulary or spelling words at dinner tonight.	<b>24</b> Today is the birthday of magician Harry Houdini. Learn a magic trick with your child.	<b>25</b> George Washington planted pecan trees at Mt. Vernon—a gift from Jefferson. Enjoy some pecans today.	<b>26</b> Use a toothpick dipped in lemon juice & milk to write a message. To decipher, hold paper up to light bulb!	<b>27</b> Fly a kite with your child.
<b>28</b> Have your child write a list of the approved TV shows she will watch next week. Stick to the list!	<b>29</b> When you read aloud, stop at an exciting place. Then ask, "What do you think will happen next?"	<b>30</b> Does your child know your state flower? Have her look it up if she doesn't.	<b>31</b> Have your child place a piece of paper on a tree trunk and rub with a crayon. See the tree's unique bark pattern.	<h2>March 2010</h2>		

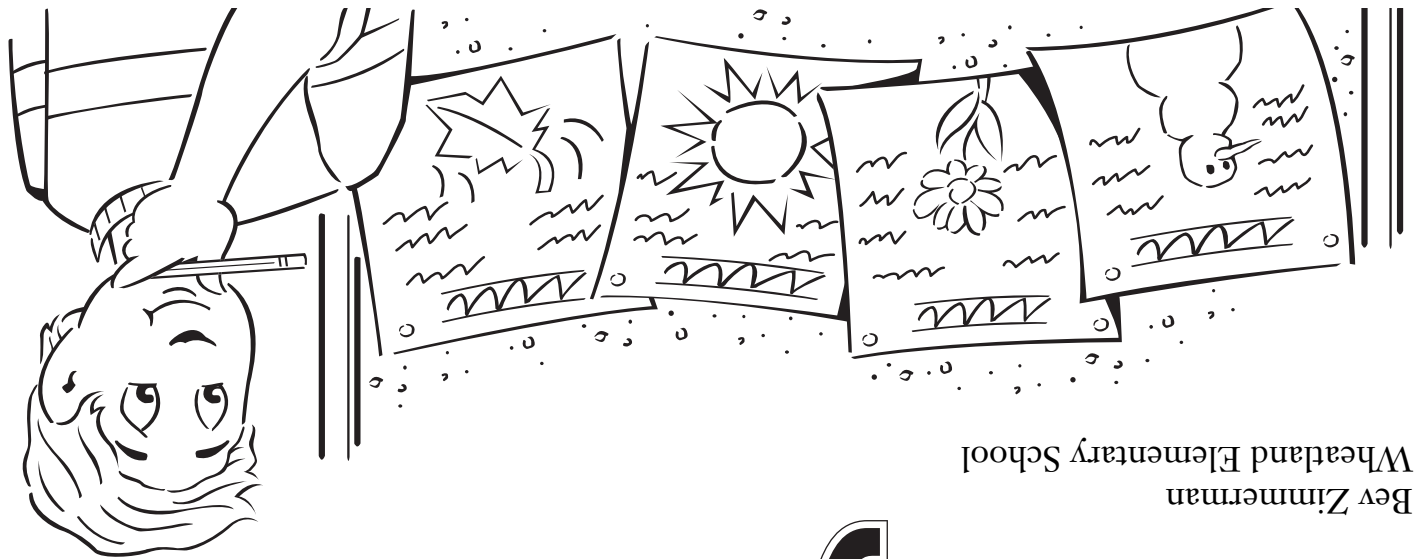
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<h2>April 2010</h2>				<b>1</b> Celebrate April Fool's Day. Do something silly with your child.	<b>2</b> Have your child read to you as you are making dinner tonight. Or read to him while he prepares dinner!	<b>3</b> In 1860, the Pony Express made its first trip. Have your child write or email a letter to someone far away.
<b>4</b> Review math facts with your child.	<b>5</b> Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about horses.	<b>6</b> Open an atlas and point to a page at random. Ask your child what people in that country might eat.	<b>7</b> Have your child design a new cover for a much-loved book.	<b>8</b> Help your child start a collection. Provide a place to keep it—a box, a drawer, a shelf.	<b>9</b> Cut out newspaper pictures. Have your child write stories about what she thinks happened before or after the picture.	<b>10</b> The safety pin was patented on this day in 1849. Have your child look at one carefully and try to draw it.
<b>11</b> Find a new way to say "I love you"—in a foreign language, in sign language or in secret code.	<b>12</b> Today is the anniversary of the first man in space. If your child were going into space, what would he take?	<b>13</b> Read a newspaper article with your child. Help her learn what's <i>fact</i> and what's <i>opinion</i> .	<b>14</b> Make a list of words that came from other languages. Here's a start: <i>vamoso, taco, pasta</i> .	<b>15</b> Have your child go through her toys. Are there any she could donate to a day care, school or favorite charity?	<b>16</b> Brainstorm how your family could help beautify your neighborhood.	<b>17</b> Take your child out for breakfast or make his favorite food at home!
<b>18</b> At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself at her age.	<b>19</b> It's Turn Off the TV Week. Can your family switch off the set for seven days?	<b>20</b> Celebrate National Coin Week. Help your child start a coin collection.	<b>21</b> At bedtime, allow a few minutes after the light is off for quiet conversation with your child.	<b>22</b> Celebrate Earth Day by planting a tree or a flower as a family.	<b>23</b> Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about plants.	<b>24</b> Have everyone in the family spend a 1/2 hour picking up the house. Many hands make light work.
<b>25</b> Help your child write a family newsletter. Have him interview family members and write up the news.	<b>26</b> Have a family rhyming dinner. Invent rhyming names for the food you serve.	<b>27</b> It's the birthday of Samuel Morse (b. 1791). Learn about Morse Code with your child.	<b>28</b> Learn a tongue twister. At dinner, everyone has to repeat it three times fast.	<b>29</b> If your family doesn't have time to read at night, consider reading at breakfast.	<b>30</b> Plan a late bedtime so everyone can read in bed. Serve a healthy snack if you wish.	

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<b>May 2010</b>						<b>1</b> Have your child pick some flowers (with permission) or pretty weeds to give a bouquet to someone special.
<b>2</b> Build math skills with a family game night. Play a board game that teaches counting and strategy.	<b>3</b> Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about animals.	<b>4</b> It's National Weather Observer's Day. Have your child make a chart to keep track of the weather.	<b>5</b> Celebrate Be Kind to Animals Week. Have your child do something nice for a family pet ... or feed the birds in a park.	<b>6</b> Good report card? High grade on a test? Make your achiever "King or Queen for a Day."	<b>7</b> Have your child share something she has learned about an animal.	<b>8</b> Take an early morning walk with your child. Look for signs of spring.
<b>9</b> Create a family joke book. Write one or two jokes per page. Staple pages together.	<b>10</b> Celebrate Children's Book Week. Check out a library book you enjoyed when you were your child's age.	<b>11</b> Have each family member make a list of their strengths. Read them aloud. Add to each other's lists.	<b>12</b> To celebrate the birthday of Edward Lear, help your child write a limerick.	<b>13</b> Ask the school about the schedule of year-end tests. Make sure your child gets enough sleep the night before.	<b>14</b> Celebrate National Bike Month by having your child review the "rules of the road."	<b>15</b> It's Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Enjoy some new physical activity you can do together as a family.
<b>16</b> Have your child make a collage of features taken from pictures of people in magazines.	<b>17</b> Visit the library. Help your child check out a detective book.	<b>18</b> Start a list of places you'd like to visit. Have your child write letters to obtain information about these places.	<b>19</b> Go through your pantry. Have your child make a list of foods grown in other countries and find them on a map.	<b>20</b> Talk with your child about families. Who is in your family? Where are they originally from?	<b>21</b> In 1881, Clara Barton founded the Red Cross. Teach your child basic first aid.	<b>22</b> Take your child out for breakfast or make something special at home.
<b>23</b> Communicate without words today.	<b>24</b> Together, watch and learn about a sport today.	<b>25</b> Help your child make a list of his goals for the next school year. Did he accomplish what he wanted this year?	<b>26</b> With your child, enjoy an imaginary trip to another planet. Write a story about your adventure.	<b>27</b> Use old coffee cans to set up a family golf course in your living room or yard.	<b>28</b> Plan a late bedtime so everyone can read in bed. Serve a healthy snack if you wish.	<b>29</b> Have your child think of "what if" questions: What if we walked on our hands? What if dogs could talk?
<b>30</b> Have a no TV night.	<b>31</b> Together, read a book about your town.					