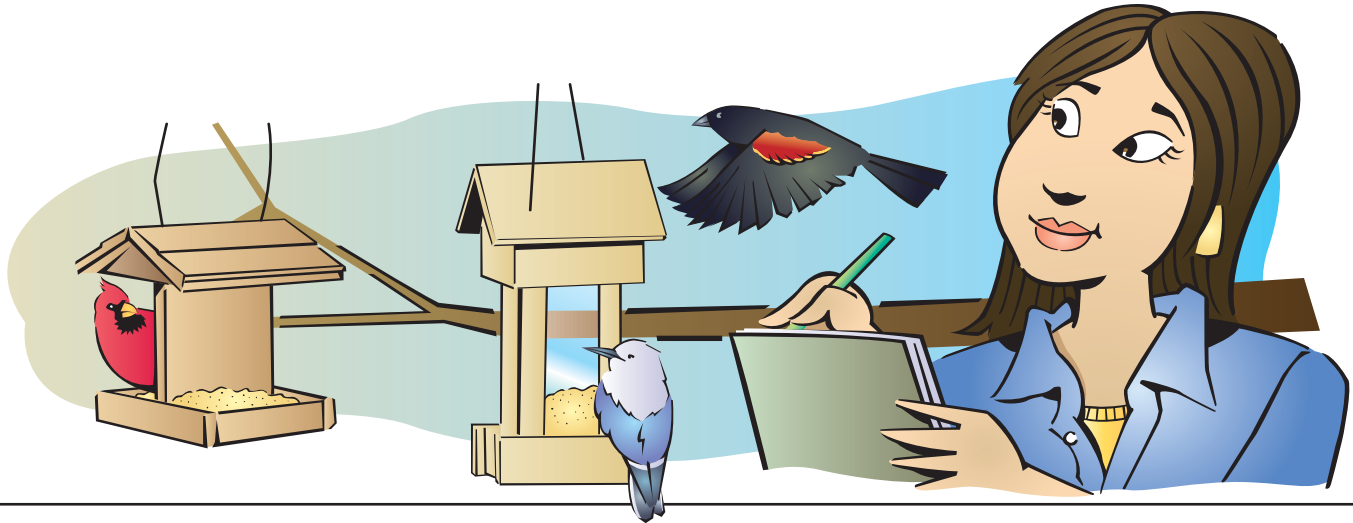


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Middle School  
**Parents**  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Call a nearby museum and ask about upcoming exhibits. What would interest your child?	<b>2</b> Begin holding weekly family meetings. Discuss goals, problems and successes.	<b>3</b> Give your child a specific compliment, such as "I can always count on you to be on time."	<b>4</b> Evaluate the rules you have made for your child. Has he outgrown any of them?	<b>5</b> Apologize for a mistake you made with your middle schooler recently.	<b>6</b> Start and end the day by saying "I love you" to your child.	<b>7</b> Buy a photo album. Together fill it with mementos during your child's upcoming school year.
<b>8</b> Take your child out to breakfast or plan another one-on-one activity.	<b>9</b> Set a family goal. Reach the goal through teamwork so everyone can be proud.	<b>10</b> Make today a TV-free day. Spend time talking, playing games and reading.	<b>11</b> Have a formal family dinner. Everyone should dress up and use their best manners.	<b>12</b> Begin working on a project with your child, such as building a model.	<b>13</b> Attend an artistic event, such as a play, concert or dance performance with your child.	<b>14</b> Do something special for your child, such as serving her breakfast in bed.
<b>15</b> Develop a secret signal with your child. For example, two winks might mean "I love you."	<b>16</b> Brainstorm about ways to become more involved with your child's education.	<b>17</b> Are there any new responsibilities your child could handle? Trust her with them.	<b>18</b> Suggest that your child write and edit a family newsletter. Mail it to relatives.	<b>19</b> Have your child guess how long it will take to finish a task. Then test her estimate.	<b>20</b> Go for a walk with your middle schooler. See how many new things you notice about your neighborhood.	<b>21</b> Discuss what your child would like to accomplish this school year. How will he succeed?
<b>22</b> Play music while doing chores to make them more fun.	<b>23</b> Eat dinner together as a family. Or meet for breakfast or lunch.	<b>24</b> Tell your child a story about your childhood that he can relate to.	<b>25</b> Have a calm family discussion about a controversial issue, such as politics.	<b>26</b> Help your child set up a quiet, comfortable study spot in preparation for school.	<b>27</b> Ask your child to help you choose household items to donate to charity.	<b>28</b> Has your child reached his goals for the summer? Celebrate his successes!
<b>29</b> Think of a meaningful quotation you love. Post it in a visible spot.	<b>30</b> Teach your child a silly skill, such as how to juggle fruit.	<b>31</b> Send a family letter to a favorite relative. Let each member write a section.	<b>August 2010</b>			