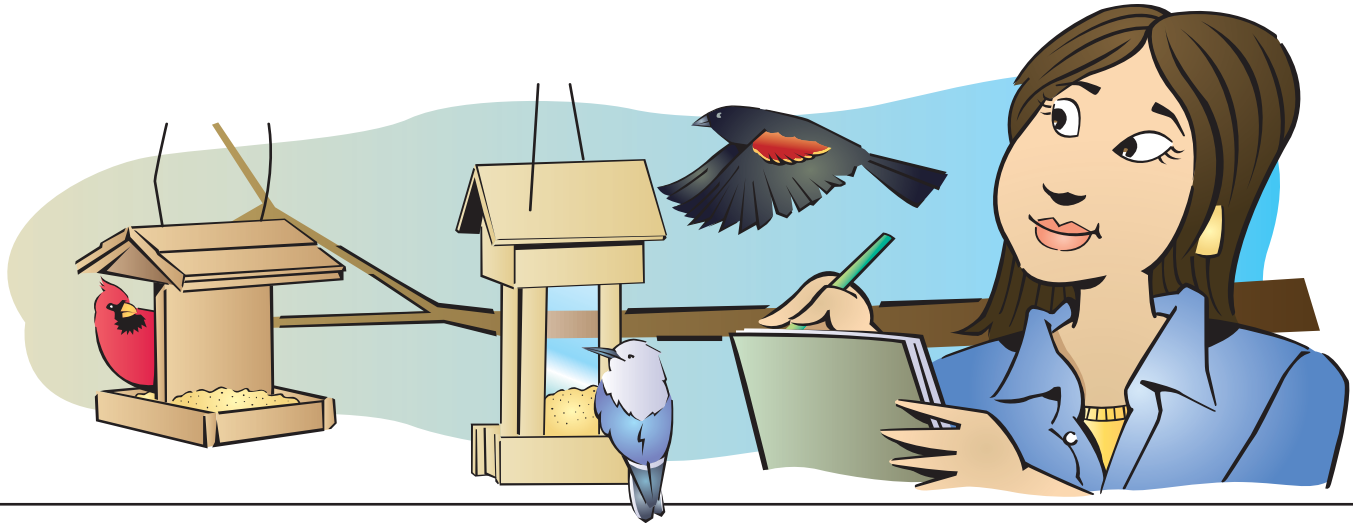


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Middle School Parents  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Does your child dawdle during homework time? Have him set a timer while working.	<b>2</b> Have your child spend 10 minutes at night getting ready for the next day. Mornings will be calmer.	<b>3</b> Teachers say a child's room is a bad place for a TV.	<b>4</b> Give your child chances to write. Have him make a grocery list or take a message, for example.	<b>5</b> If you and your child hear a word you don't recognize, look it up in the dictionary.	<b>6</b> Buy a calendar for your child. She can use it to keep track of homework, holidays, chores, etc.
<b>7</b> Look at pictures in magazines or newspapers with your child. Guess what the captions say.	<b>8</b> Start having weekly family meetings. Talk about family news, goals and successes.	<b>9</b> Help your child see the good in others. Focus more on people's strengths than their weaknesses.	<b>10</b> Tell your child a family story. Try to think of one that teaches a lesson.	<b>11</b> Some middleers are embarrassed by affection in public. But they still like hugs at home!	<b>12</b> Help your child organize something, such as her room, backpack or schedule.	<b>13</b> Decorate part of your home with a map. Refer to it when talking about states or countries.
<b>14</b> Write a note to your child that says how much you love her.	<b>15</b> Listening to Mozart softly can help with studying. Ask your child if she'd like to try it.	<b>16</b> Share an interesting fact with your child. For example, the moon takes 27.322 days to orbit the Earth.	<b>17</b> When your child tells you something important, repeat it to make sure you understood.	<b>18</b> Try a new recipe with your child. This helps her practice following directions.	<b>19</b> When your child loses items, have her pay to replace them. She'll learn to be more careful.	<b>20</b> Is your child trying to make friends? Teach her conversation starters, such as, "I like your ..."
<b>21</b> Play a game that builds math skills, such as cards, dominoes or chess.	<b>22</b> Link responsibilities to freedom. As your child becomes more responsible, he'll have more freedom.	<b>23</b> Monitor your child's academic progress. Talk about school and get to know his teachers.	<b>24</b> Would your child like to play a musical instrument? Encourage her interest.	<b>25</b> Spend a few minutes talking with your child at bedtime. This is a relaxing time for conversation.	<b>26</b> Buy your child an alarm clock. Make getting up each morning her responsibility.	<b>27</b> Encourage healthy eating. Allow your child to choose any fruit or vegetable at the grocery store.
<b>28</b> Let your child overhear you say something good about him to someone else.	<h1>February 2010</h1>					