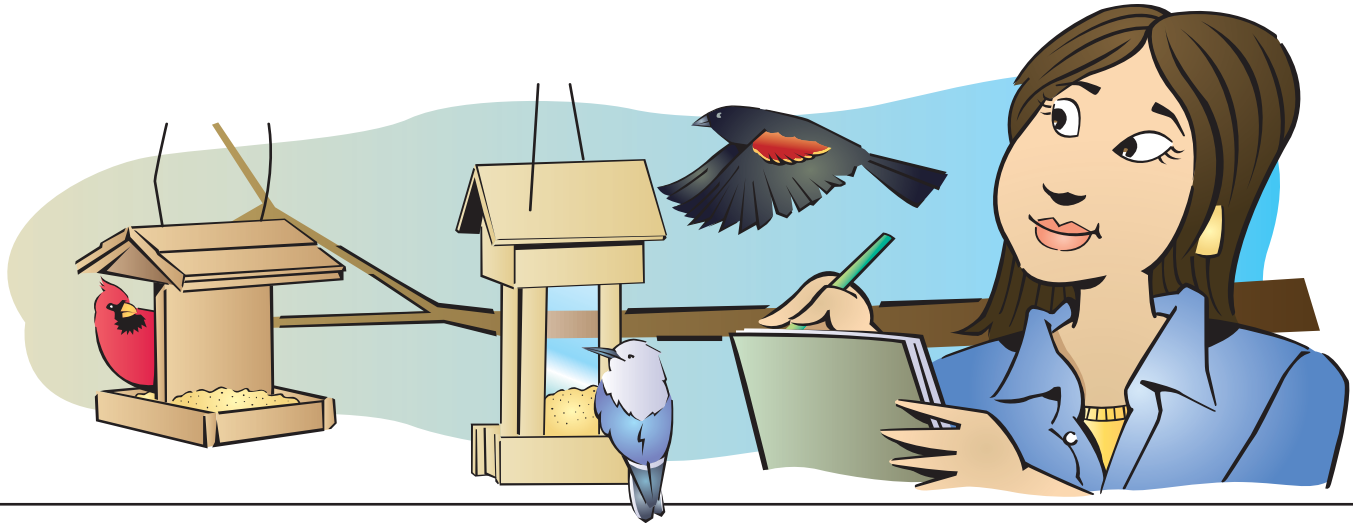


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Middle School Parents
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Review your goals for the new year. Are family members working toward them as planned?	2 Students with good grades take good notes. Teach your child to take notes and study them.	3 Notice the moon's shape with your child. Why does it look the way it does?	4 Some children find that when doing homework, it helps to go from hardest to easiest.	5 Establish a regular bedtime for your child. Make it part of an overall nighttime routine.	6 Don't pay your child for regular chores. All family members should help out around the house.
7 Consider taking a class with your child—cooking, painting, in-line skating, etc.	8 Teach your child to make daily "to do" lists. She should do the most important things first.	9 Tell your child, "Winning isn't as important as how you play the game."	10 Limit when your child can watch TV. For example, not during meals or homework time.	11 Is your child learning another language? Ask her to say some foreign words or phrases to you.	12 Make regular "appointments" to spend time with your child. Don't allow yourself to cancel.	13 After reading a story, have your child rewrite it with a different ending.
14 Choose one day a week to visit the library. Think of interesting things to research there.	15 Ask your child, "What's the most interesting thing you learned today?"	16 Make a decision as a family. This builds cooperation and communication skills.	17 Don't let your child stay home alone for long periods. Middle schoolers need adult supervision.	18 Have your child list everything she needs at school. Keep the checklist by the front door.	19 Ask your child to teach you something he's learning in school. Let him explain it, even if you understand.	20 Rent the movie version of a book your child has read. How do the versions compare?
21 Teach your child a memory trick, such as "i before e, except after c ..."	22 Does your child know where your ancestors came from? Discuss this with her.	23 Remind your child of the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."	24 Play a listening game. Have your child repeat what you say word-for-word. Then switch roles.	25 Color-coded book covers help kids (and their lockers) stay organized.	26 Tell your child that school is his job. It's more important than sports, hobbies and TV.	27 Do a "random act of kindness" with your child. Brainstorm together about what to do.
28 Celebrate spring by planting something with your child. Ask what she'd like to grow.	29 When helping your child with schoolwork, be positive, even if your child gets discouraged.	30 Learn about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. Explain them to your child.	31 Be on the lookout for things your child does right. Compliment her successes.	March 2010		