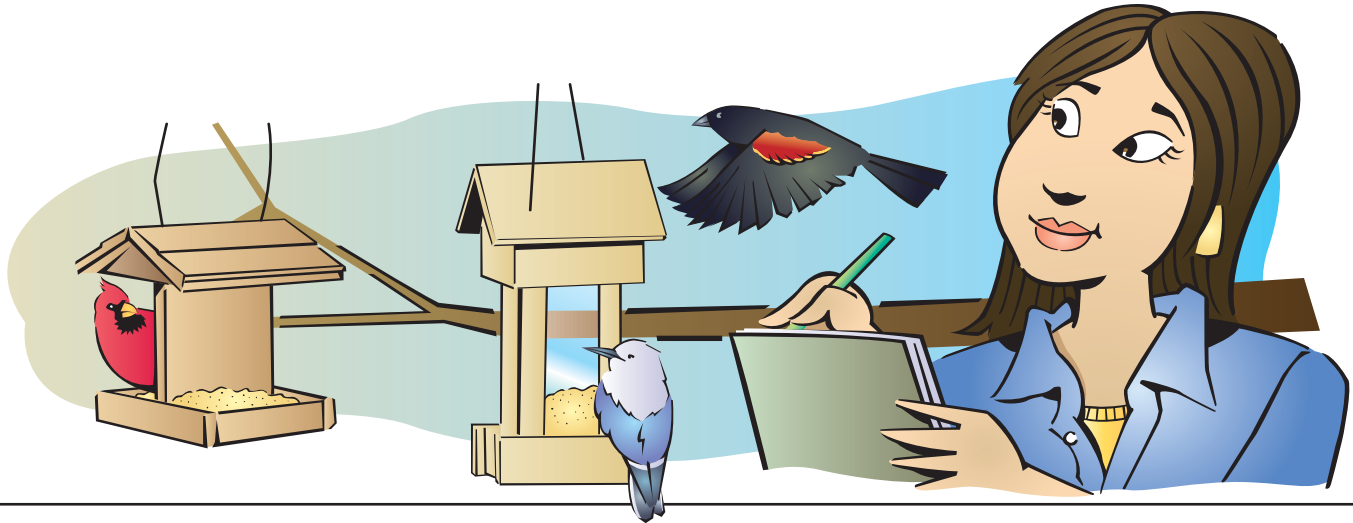


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Help your child start a homework routine. She should pick a regular time and place to study.	2 Give your child a genuine compliment. Make it specific, such as, "You have pretty handwriting."	3 Help your child sort through things he's saved. Encourage him to make a scrapbook of his favorite items.	4 Notice whether your child is completing her chores. If she is, reward her with praise.	5 Help your child set goals for the school year. What would make him proud of himself?
6 Suggest that your child clean out her backpack on Sundays. She'll start the week organized.	7 Give your child a journal or diary. Remember that it's for his eyes only.	8 Post a list of your child's chores and when they should be done. They'll be easier to remember.	9 Look over your child's homework. Compliment effort and offer helpful advice.	10 As a family, create a routine that will make mornings run smoothly for everyone.	11 Give your child a new responsibility. Praise him for being mature enough to handle it.	12 Allow your child to rearrange her room. Show respect for her choices.
13 Mark your child's height on the wall in pencil. Wait a year and measure again.	14 Have family members take photos of each other. Who can make the funniest face?	15 Put a picture of your child in a prominent place. This says, "You're important to me!"	16 Suggest that your child write a family newsletter. She can mail it to relatives.	17 Take your child out to breakfast before school. Make this a once-a-month treat.	18 Let your child make a decision, such as what to have for dinner.	19 Plan a family activity for this weekend. Ask your child what he'd like to do.
20 Teach your child a new skill, or let her teach you one.	21 A timer can help your child limit telephone conversations.	22 Talk about the importance of volunteering. Choose a family volunteer activity.	23 It's the first day of fall! Go for a walk with your child and look for seasonal changes.	24 Play a game with your child—charades, cards, a board game—whatever he'd like.	25 Put an encouraging note in your child's lunch. For example, "Good luck on your test!"	26 Subscribe to a magazine your child would enjoy.
27 Encourage your child to collect something, such as stamps, baseball cards or books.	28 Keep a map or globe visible in your home. Your child will learn by seeing it regularly.	29 Start a "lesson of the day" journal. Have family members write down something they learn each day.	30 Suggest that your child organize an activity for younger siblings, such as a scavenger hunt.	September 2009		