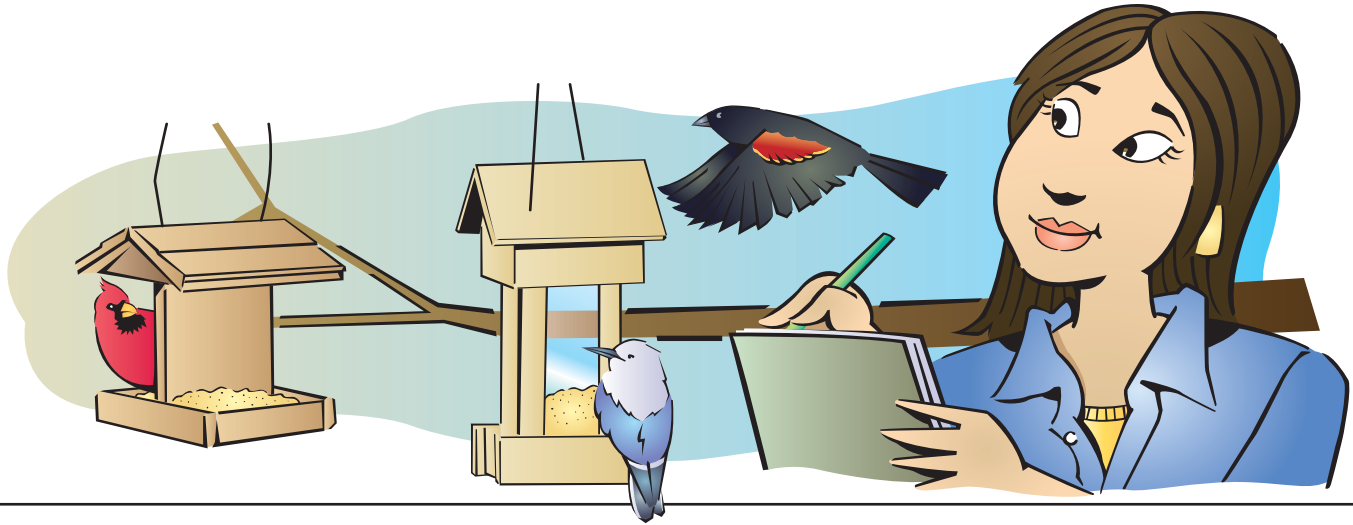


Parent Pointers

Calendar

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Middle School Parents *still make the difference!*

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| October 2009 | | | | 1 Start giving your child an allowance if you haven't already. Discuss how it will be spent. | 2 Learn about special events at your child's school. Make plans to attend at least one. | 3 Take a compass with you in the car. Let your child keep track of which direction you're going. |
| 4 Discuss the importance of laws with your child. What if there were none? What if they were ignored? | 5 Mention how something you studied in school has helped you at work. | 6 Encourage your child to study a foreign language. This can help with college admission. | 7 Discuss a controversial issue with your child. Ask, "What do you think?" | 8 Role play a difficult situation with your child. For example, what if he were offered alcohol? | 9 Plan a weekend family activity. Let your child invite a friend. | 10 Do something active with your child, such as walk, jog or ride bikes. |
| 11 Start a project with your child, such as repairing or fixing something. | 12 It's Columbus Day. Learn something new about Columbus' voyages. | 13 Encourage your child to participate in school computer classes or activities. | 14 Tell your child at least twice a day that you love her. Before and after school are good times. | 15 Before your middle schooler attends a party, make sure it will be supervised. | 16 Visit the library with your child. Check out books to read over the weekend. | 17 Does your child hate to lose? Tell her that effort is more important than winning. |
| 18 Ask your child who his role models are and why. You may learn something new about him. | 19 Learn the warning signs for suicide. Teens usually exhibit them before a suicide attempt. | 20 Have your child solve silly math problems, such as "How many hours until your birthday?" | 21 Notice how long a car trip took. How many miles were driven? What was your average speed? | 22 Help your child resist smoking. Mention its negative effects, such as bad breath and stained teeth. | 23 Think of synonyms for words with your child. For example, a synonym for 'talk' is 'speak.' | 24 Spend the afternoon making fall decorations. See how creative you and your child can be. |
| 25 Daylight savings ends today. Spend an extra hour with your child. | 26 Getting kids to talk can be hard. It helps to ask them specific questions. | 27 Think about the rules you have for your child. Are they appropriate for his age? | 28 Do you compliment more than you criticize? Compliments should outweigh criticisms three to one. | 29 Ask your child about something she's reading. What is it about? What are the characters like? | 30 Let your child make a video or audio tape of herself. Save it and play it back in the future. | 31 Ask your child, "If you could be someone else for a day, who would you be? Why?" |