

# Parent Pointers

## Calendar

Newton County Schools



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Middle School  
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| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| <b>February 2019</b>  |  |   |   |  | <b>1</b> Encourage your child to write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper on a topic that concerns him.                         | <b>2</b> Allow your child to daydream. This builds imagination and problem-solving skills.   |
| <b>3</b> Talk to your child about the importance of good sportsmanship.                                     | <b>4</b> Power struggles don't work with middle schoolers. Too much parental control causes rebellion.                 | <b>5</b> Notice and talk about the good qualities of your child's friends.  | <b>6</b> Ask your child to add two four-digit numbers. Can she figure the answer on paper before you can with a calculator? | <b>7</b> Tell your child why you value education. Talk about your child's long-range goals.        | <b>8</b> Listen to a piece of music that has no lyrics. Have your child write his own words to the song.                                 | <b>9</b> Have your child do some road math. How long did a car trip take? How many miles were driven? What was your average speed? |
| <b>10</b> Help your child think of tough situations she might face with friends. How would she handle them? | <b>11</b> It's the birthday of Thomas Edison. Teach your child Edison's saying: "There's no substitute for hard work." | <b>12</b> Is your child having a problem at school? Have him brainstorm ways he could solve it—without your help. | <b>13</b> After your child goes to bed, leave a valentine where she'll see it when she wakes up tomorrow morning.           | <b>14</b> Have each family member prepare one part of a meal, then enjoy it together.              | <b>15</b> Look for a free concert or play you can attend with your family this weekend.  | <b>16</b> Spend 20 minutes on DEAR time today (Drop Everything and Read).  |
| <b>17</b> Look for an educational show on television to watch with your child tonight.                      | <b>18</b> When helping your child with schoolwork, be positive, even if he gets discouraged.                           | <b>19</b> Some middle schoolers are embarrassed by affection in public. But they still like hugs at home!         | <b>20</b> Have your child quiz you on a homework assignment. Thinking up questions will help her learn.                     | <b>21</b> Share ideas with your child about the best ways to remember facts for a test.            | <b>22</b> Teach your child to ask <i>who</i> , <i>what</i> , <i>when</i> , <i>where</i> , <i>why</i> and <i>how</i> when doing research. | <b>23</b> Have everyone in the family spend 30 minutes cleaning up the house. Many hands make light work.                          |
| <b>24</b> Take a walk with your child and use all five senses to observe the world around you.              | <b>25</b> Read an editorial with your child. Tell him if you agree with the opinions stated. Ask what he thinks.       | <b>26</b> Encourage your child to keep a list of her activities and accomplishments.                              | <b>27</b> Don't say, "I know how you feel." Middle schoolers believe their feelings are unique.                             | <b>28</b> Ask your child: "If you could trade lives with somebody you know, who would it be? Why?" |  |  |