

Parent Pointers

Calendar

Newton County Schools



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Middle School
Parents
still make the difference!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 2019					1 Call out words from the dictionary during breakfast. See who can spell them.	2 Exchange notes instead of talking for part of the day. This also works when things get noisy!
3 Ask your child who his role models are and why. You may learn something new about him.	4 Discuss the importance of being on time. It's an easy way to show respect for others.	5 Talk with your child about a mistake you once made and what you did to try to fix it.	6 Does your child forget to bring home books? Have her post a take-home checklist inside her locker.	7 Have your child solve silly math problems: "How many hours are there until your birthday?"	8 Give your child a news article to read. Share your opinions about it.	9 Encourage your child to volunteer. He can learn more about his community while helping others.
10 Want to improve communication with your child? Be an attentive listener.	11 Ask your child to imagine life 150 years ago. How about 150 years in the future?	12 Challenge everyone in your family to learn and use one new word a day.	13 Index cards are great for studying. The limited space forces students to identify the most important points.	14 Help your child set priorities when studying. Which assignment is most important? Due first? Most difficult?	15 Don't label your child (Maddie is the shy one). Kids tend to live up to roles cast for them by their parents.	16 Make an appointment with your child to do something fun together. Write it on your calendar.
17 Take a walk or enjoy some physical activity with your child.	18 Ask your child: "Do you think honesty is always the best policy? Why or why not?"	19 Encourage your child to keep a to-do list. By writing down things he needs to do, he is less likely to forget them.	20 Start a conversation by noticing nonverbal messages. If your child is smiling, say, "You seem happy."	21 Encourage your child to listen to music she doesn't normally listen to.	22 Talk to your child about the difference between <i>goals</i> and <i>dreams</i> . A goal is a dream with a deadline.	23 Ask your child to record "A day in the life of our family." He can take pictures and write notes.
24 Thank your child when she helps around the house.	25 Ask your child to tell you about a punishment you gave him that he thought was really unfair.	26 Read a poem aloud. Stop to let your child guess what the next rhyming word will be.	27 Remember that the key to getting your child's respect is showing your child respect.	28 Ask your child for her opinions. She probably knows things you don't about pop culture, fashion and technology.	29 Discuss a controversial issue with your child. Ask, "What do you think?"	30 Suggest your child do a good deed for a neighbor or a teacher.
31 Encourage your child to draw a self-portrait.						