

Activity Calendar

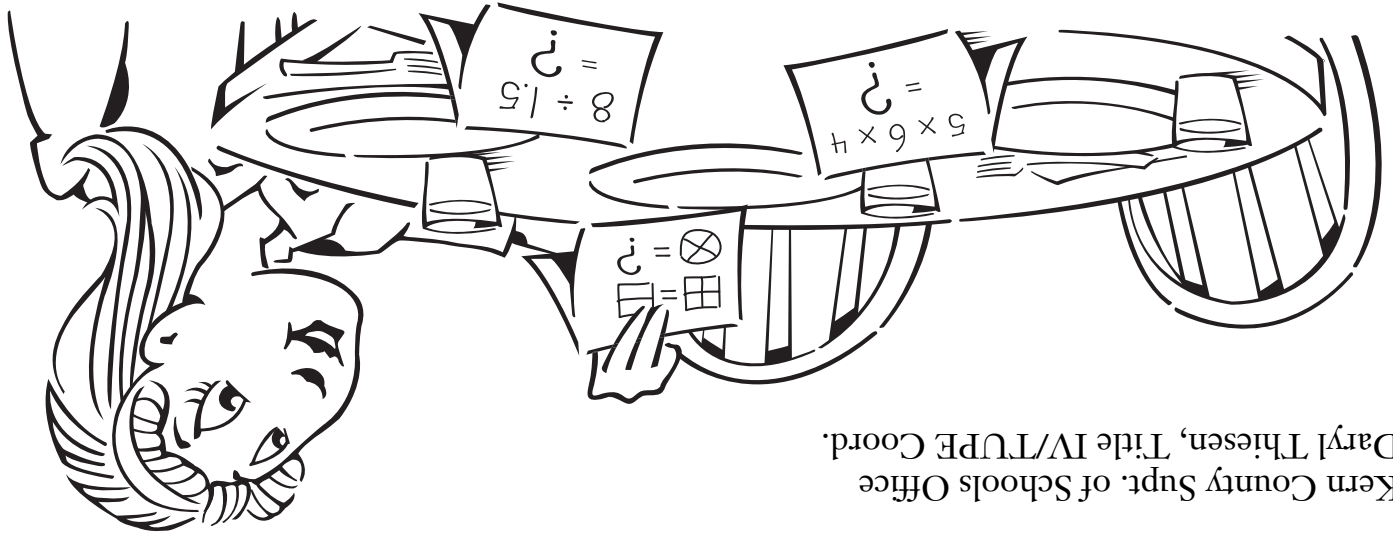
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Make an appointment to visit school and meet your child's teacher this month.	2 This is Library Card Month. Make sure everyone in your family has a library card.	3 Play "guess that number": How many cookies in the package? How many chips in the bag?	4 When you're outside, show your child which way is north, south, east and west.	5 Set a regular time for homework this school year. Find the time that works best for your family.	6 Help your child look for maps in the newspaper. How many can you find?
7 Provide a regular place to display your child's best school work. Change the display often.	8 It's International Literacy Day. Make sure your family has a regular reading time each day.	9 Ask your child to come up with words with both a prefix and a suffix, such as <i>replacing</i> .	10 Make sure you and your child know school rules. Talk about one school rule tonight.	11 Make sure your child has basic reference books when he studies— atlas, dictionary, thesaurus.	12 Avoid library fines. Have a box or basket where you keep library books.	13 Have a family dinner by candlelight. Have each person share the week's experiences.
14 Take your child out for breakfast, or serve a favorite breakfast at home. Make this a regular habit.	15 For safety, remember what your child is wearing each time she leaves the house.	16 Challenge everyone on math facts. Who can recite the multiplication tables with the fewest mistakes?	17 Today is Citizenship Day. Talk about what it means to be a good citizen. What can your child do?	18 Take a fraction walk with your child—1/2 of cars are blue, 4/5 of houses have a gray roof.	19 List 10 of your child's successes this week. List 10 of your own. Look at the list often.	20 Watch a sports event on TV with your child. Talk with your child about what you see and hear.
21 Help your child plan ahead. Tonight, talk about the coming week. What needs to be done?	22 Write a list of creatures that live in the ocean. Have your child draw a picture of one or two.	23 Give your child a whistle to blow if he is in danger. Warn your child that he should only blow it when there is danger.	24 Ask your child to tell you one thing she learned in school today. Share one thing you learned today.	25 A good breakfast helps kids learn. Start the day with a healthy breakfast at home or at school.	26 Johnny Appleseed was born in 1744. Prepare an apple dessert with your child.	27 Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about the oceans.
28 Rent or watch a nature-oriented video with your child. Ask your child what he learned.	29 Talk about how you use numbers at home— setting the oven timer and reading a thermometer.	30 Measure how far your child can jump. How many jumps to go around your house? Down the block?	<h2>September 2008</h2>			

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			1 Watch the evening news together. Talk about current events at the dinner table.	2 When your child brings home schoolwork, focus on what is right before noting what is wrong.	3 Every time you talk with your child on the telephone, end by saying, "I love you."	4 Batter up! Play math facts baseball. Ask your child math questions. Each correct answer is a "base hit."
5 It's Fire Prevention Week. Talk about what your child can do to be safe from fires.	6 Talk to your child about how recycling paper is one of the ways we can help save the rain forests.	7 Is your child behaving well and cooperating? Be sure to say how proud this makes you.	8 If your child talks about a school bully, listen. Tell the school if there is a problem.	9 Invent a word with your child. Write a definition as it would appear in the dictionary.	10 Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about food.	11 Take a walk and look for signs of fall. See if your child can identify the types of trees you pass.
12 Share family history with your children. Look at family photos and tell family stories.	13 Take a trip to another country using the Internet. Many libraries have computers with Internet access.	14 Teach your child how to protect herself by saying <i>no</i> or walking away from fights.	15 Pick an interesting short story for children. Ask your child to read it to you while you fix dinner.	16 With your child, make a fall table decoration for your table.	17 Stay up late. Read books by flashlight. Enjoy a favorite snack.	18 Have a "Family Night In." Pop a big bowl of popcorn. Everyone curl up with a good book.
19 When reading aloud, get everyone to join in. Record your performance. Enjoy it again later!	20 Write a note saying something nice about your child. Tuck it where he will find it later.	21 Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about rain forests.	22 Make a tape of math facts ("3 times 2 is ..."). Leave time for the answer. Then give the correct response.	23 Together, make up new compound words for familiar objects. Could your cat be a <i>purrcuddler</i> ?	24 Have a No TV Night. Read or play a game with your child instead.	25 Start a kitchen band. Use spoons, pans and lids for instruments. March around the house.
26 Plan something you can do as a family to reduce hunger in your town or the world.	27 Choose a news story. Cut off the headline. Challenge your child to write her own.	28 Teach your child how to handle stress— exercising, getting enough sleep, talking about problems.	29 Find something small enough to fit in your pocket. Have your child write a story about it.	30 Bake cupcakes with your child. Use colors of icing to show fractions—halves, fourths or thirds.	31 Talk about a familiar place and decide which direction (north, south, east or west) it is from your home.	

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Elementary School Calendar

Parent & Child Activity

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November 2008						1 Talk to your child about a hobby he might want to start. What interests him? Have him check out a book on the subject.
2 Be creative in the kitchen. See who can invent the greatest-tasting new pizza topping.	3 At dinner tonight, have everyone bring an interesting new word to share.	4 Talk to your child about the presidential election held today in the United States. Discuss the importance of voting.	5 Flash cards are a great way to memorize facts. Take them in the car and use travel time for review.	6 Ask your child to pick a book she might want to read aloud with you. Take turns reading to each other.	7 This evening put together a jigsaw or other kind of puzzle with your child.	8 Make today your child's special day. Let him choose what you'll do and eat.
9 Gather bus schedules or maps to a fun place—the zoo, a museum, a park. Let your child plan a trip.	10 Have kids fill in calendar blanks with weather reports, birthdays, special activities or notes to you.	11 Visit the library with your child. Check out a mystery book.	12 Help your child write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper about an issue affecting children.	13 Review math facts at the dinner table tonight. See how many your child can get right in a row.	14 Write new or difficult words on index cards. Review regularly until your child can spell them.	15 Set aside some time today to work on a hobby with your child.
16 Make a schedule for watching TV this week. Plan how you'll limit your viewing.	17 Keep a notebook handy when watching TV. Have your child jot down five new words. Look them up later.	18 A rebus is a story that replaces some words with pictures. Make a rebus with your child.	19 Challenge everyone in the family to try writing a funny limerick.	20 Write down the ages of family members. Express them in math terms—Dad is 25 years older than Mike.	21 Plan a late bedtime so everyone can read in bed. Serve a healthful snack if you wish.	22 Some time today, exchange notes instead of talking. (This also works when things get noisy!)
23 Have a family dinner by candlelight tonight.	24 At the library, use books and the Internet to learn more about careers in which your child is interested.	25 Talk about honesty and why it is so important. Find examples of people who demonstrate honesty.	26 Plan a family talent show. Encourage everyone to perform. Have everyone practice their acts this week.	27 Make a paper cornucopia. Fill it with a list of all the things that make your family grateful.	28 With your child, make awards for your talent show. Have an award for everyone.	29 Set aside time for your family talent show today. Give out awards at the end of it.
30 Read a book about your town together.						