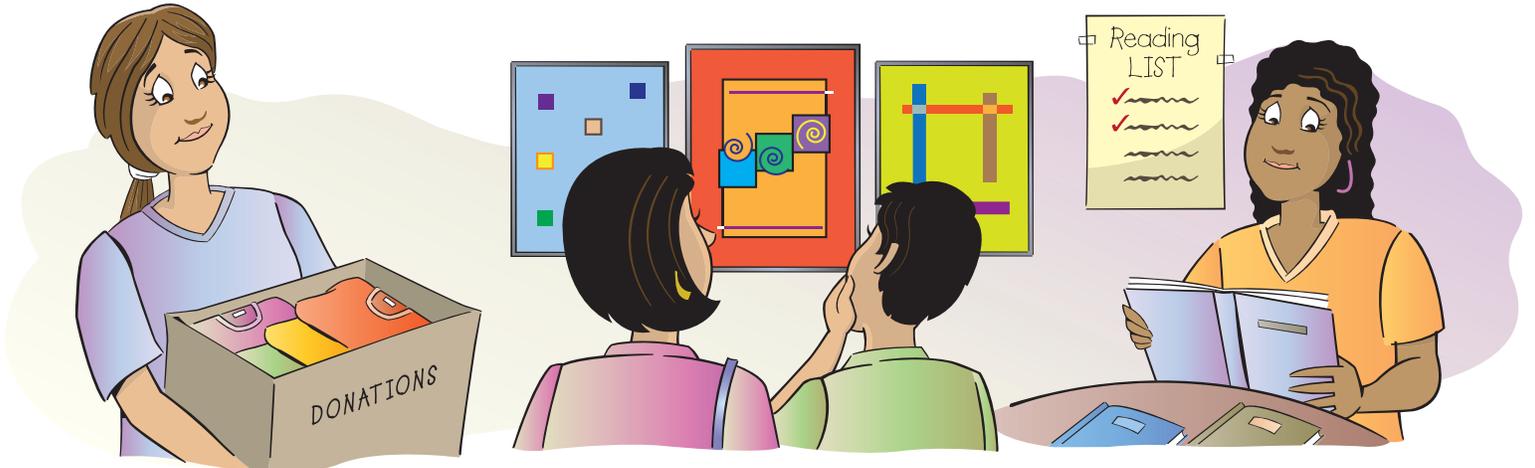


Parent Pointers

Calendar

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Middle School Parents *still make the difference!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2014			1 Remind your child that using inappropriate language will lower others' opinions of her.	2 Encourage your child to ask at least one question in each of his classes.	3 Talk about ways your child can show her teachers respect: Arrive on time, follow directions and participate in class.	4 Don't criticize or correct your child in front of his peers.
5 Take a walk with your child and use all five senses to observe the world around you.	6 Expect your child to attend school every single day.	7 Ask your child to draw a diagram of something she is learning in school.	8 Find quotations that will motivate your child. Post a favorite one on the mirror he uses.	9 Talk to your child about her commitments outside of school. Make sure school is her top priority.	10 Ask your child to tell you what the word <i>success</i> means to him.	11 Have family members spend a half hour cleaning up the house. Many hands make light work.
12 Spend 20 minutes on DEAR time today (Drop Everything and Read).	13 Eliminate technological distractions during homework time.	14 Encourage your child to take responsibility for her work. Remind her only once that she has homework.	15 Do not allow your child to diet unless his doctor determines it would be beneficial to him.	16 Ask your child to read a news article to you. Take turns sharing your opinions about it.	17 Faced with a thorny situation? Try talking with other parents. Teachers can also be a good source of advice.	18 Take your child to the library. Check out two copies of the same book so you can read together.
19 Have your child use the letters in her name to write a poem about herself.	20 Encourage your child to use self-stick notes to write down things he needs to remember.	21 Help your child improve her vocabulary. Do a crossword puzzle together today.	22 When your child is studying for a test, set a timer for five minutes. Many short reviews are better than one long one.	23 Encourage your child to be a gracious winner and a good loser.	24 Give family members marshmallows and toothpicks. See who can build the tallest tower.	25 Dig out a favorite children's book and read it together. There are still lessons to be learned.
26 Make today a no-TV day. Let your child be responsible for thinking of alternate activities.	27 Teach your child to cheer himself up. Positive self-talk, such as "I can do this" will keep him motivated.	28 Tell your child why you value education. Talk about her long-range goals.	29 Ask your child to add two four-digit numbers. Can he figure it out on paper before you can with a calculator?	30 Play math "Jeopardy." Give a number. Who can come up with a problem for which it is the answer?	31 Does your child need more responsibility? More time to talk? More privacy? Ask what she thinks.	