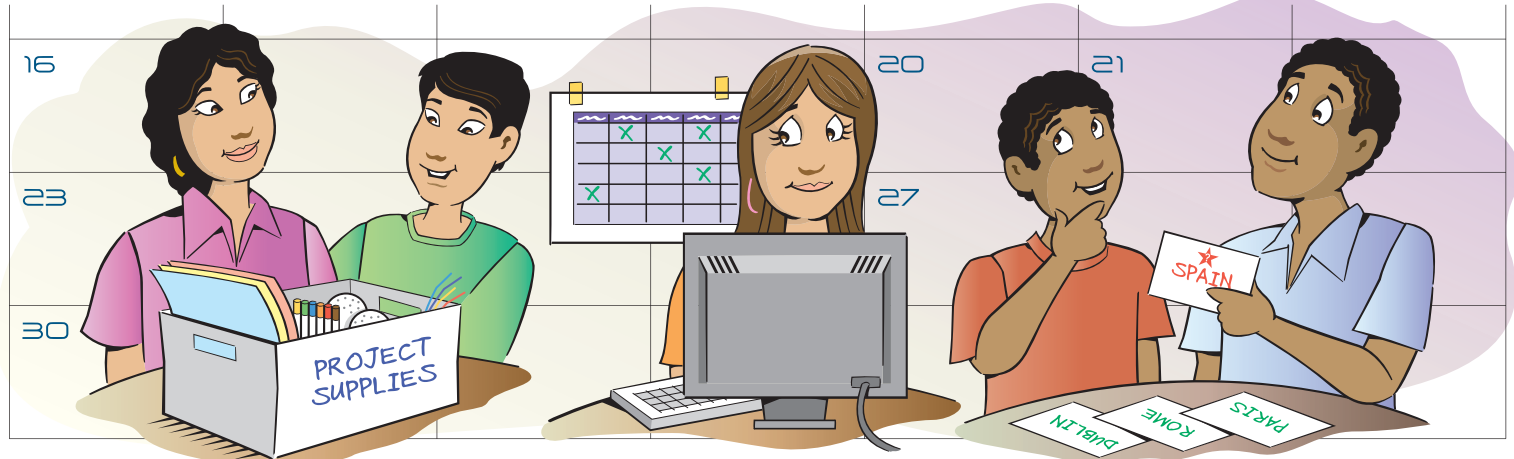


Parent Pointers

Calendar

McCracken Middle School



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Middle School Parents *still make the difference!*

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2016					<p>1 April is Math Awareness Month. Take time to review math with your child each day this month.</p>	<p>2 Encourage your child to daydream. This builds creativity and problem-solving skills.</p>
<p>3 Turn off the TV for the day. Spend time reading, playing games, talking and exercising with your child instead.</p>	<p>4 Set a technology curfew. TVs, computers, tablets and phones must be turned off for the night at a certain time.</p>	<p>5 Have your child start a list of places he'd like to visit. He can research and collect information about these places.</p>	<p>6 Have your child solve silly math problems, such as "How many hours until the last day of school?"</p>	<p>7 Have your child do her most difficult homework first this week. Next week, have her do the easiest first. Which order works best?</p>	<p>8 When your child tells you something important, repeat it to make sure you understand.</p>	<p>9 Choose a recipe with your child. Shop for ingredients, cook and enjoy the results together.</p>
<p>10 Social media makes it easy to hurt others. Tell your child not to post anything he wouldn't say to someone's face.</p>	<p>11 Do everyday things with your child, such as washing dishes, to gain more time together.</p>	<p>12 Talk with your child about a choice you have made. Then talk about the consequences of that choice.</p>	<p>13 Notice whether your child is completing homework on time. Praise her responsibility.</p>	<p>14 Is your child having a problem at school? Have him brainstorm ways he could solve it—without your help.</p>	<p>15 Ask everyone to write down two positive things about each member of the family. Don't forget to include yourself.</p>	<p>16 Keep your child's math skills sharp. Have her estimate the tax on a purchase or the tip for a meal.</p>
<p>17 Play a game that builds math skills, such as Yahtzee, cards or chess.</p>	<p>18 Give your child a newspaper article. Have him circle all the adjectives.</p>	<p>19 Check on your child's grades. If necessary, help her plan ways to raise them before the year ends.</p>	<p>20 Let your child overhear you saying something good about him to someone else.</p>	<p>21 Ask your child, "If you could change one thing about the world, what would it be?"</p>	<p>22 Celebrate Earth Day by doing something good for the environment, such as recycling.</p>	<p>23 Be sure your child knows that your rules apply when she's at a friend's house, not just at home.</p>
<p>24 Help your child bake cookies today. Review math skills by doubling the recipe.</p>	<p>25 Tell your child about your day in as much detail as you would like to hear about his day.</p>	<p>26 Have your child keep paper and pencil handy while reading to jot down unknown words. She can look them up later.</p>	<p>27 It's the birthday of Samuel Morse. Send messages to your child in Morse Code.</p>	<p>28 Play a game of Concentration with math flash cards. Problems with the same answer (9x2, 15+3) make a pair.</p>	<p>29 Give your child a plant. Let her be responsible for its care.</p>	<p>30 Take your child to the library. Check out two copies of the same book so you can read together.</p>