

# Parent Pointers

## Calendar

McCracken Middle School



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Middle School Parents *still make the difference!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>December</b>						
		<b>1</b> Encourage your child to write a thank-you note to a favorite teacher.	<b>2</b> Drive the carpool and just listen. You'll learn a lot about life in middle school.	<b>3</b> Talk to your child about people he admires. Discuss the reasons why he respects them.	<b>4</b> When your child visits a friend's home, make sure an adult will be there to supervise.	<b>5</b> Find out if your local public library sells used books. If so, let your child purchase one or two.
<b>6</b> Don't try to do everything yourself. Ask your child to take the responsibility for one or two holiday traditions.	<b>7</b> Ask your child, "What do you wish we did differently at home?" Be open to her suggestions.	<b>8</b> Watch the news with your child. Have him select one news report and compare it with an article on the same topic.	<b>9</b> Praise your child's effort when she studies. This will encourage her to keep working hard.	<b>10</b> Recreate a favorite holiday tradition from your own childhood. Share it with your child.	<b>11</b> Have your child time how long a car trip takes. How many miles did you drive? Can he calculate your average speed?	<b>12</b> Have your child research possible future careers. What skills and education are required for each?
<b>13</b> Have each family member prepare one part of a meal, then enjoy it together.	<b>14</b> When helping your child with schoolwork, be positive, even if she gets discouraged.	<b>15</b> With your child, take turns making statements. Identify each one as either <i>fact</i> or <i>opinion</i> .	<b>16</b> Talk with your child about dating. Share your values and standards.	<b>17</b> Make up trivia questions about your family. Quiz one another at the dinner table.	<b>18</b> Kids are very busy at this time of year. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep.	<b>19</b> Remember that your child doesn't need to have the latest electronic gadget to be happy.
<b>20</b> Dig out a favorite children's book and read it with your child. There are always lessons to be learned.	<b>21</b> Ask your child to teach you something he's learning in school. Let him explain it (even if you know the material).	<b>22</b> Tonight is the longest night of the year. Let your child read in bed for an extra hour—if there is no school tomorrow!	<b>23</b> Ask your child what she would do if a friend of hers stole something from a store.	<b>24</b> At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself at his age.	<b>25</b> Tell your child one specific thing you love about her today. Try to do this every day.	<b>26</b> Talk to your child about the importance of writing thank-you notes for gifts.
<b>27</b> Give your child love and attention without making him the center of attention all of the time.	<b>28</b> Don't use technology time as a reward or punishment. It will make it seem more important to your child.	<b>29</b> Mention something you learned recently. This shows your child that you value education.	<b>30</b> Talk with your child about how each of you could improve your listening skills.	<b>31</b> Help your child create a time line of the past year.	<b>2015</b>	