

Parent & Child Activity Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Many people celebrate holidays in December. What holidays can your child name? Talk about why they are special.	2 Have your child use construction paper strips to make a chain. Remove one link every night to count down to a special day.	3 Weigh your child's backpack when it is packed for school. Make sure it doesn't weigh more than 15 percent of her weight.	4 Make today "dictionary day." Talk with your child about new words that he thinks should be in the dictionary.	5 Challenge your child to make a map of the route from your home to school.	6 Look in the newspaper or online for free family events in your area. Plan to attend one this month.	7 Give your child 24 pieces of dry cereal. Have her divide the pile into <i>halves</i> and then <i>fourths</i> .
8 Ask your child to tell you what he would like to make an annual tradition. Then start it!	9 When your child has a problem, help her think of two possible solutions and let her decide which one to choose.	10 Talk about how animals survive the winter months. What do bears do? How about birds?	11 Write a letter together to a loved one. Have your child draw pictures.	12 Ask your child to list some words he uses often. Together, look up synonyms for those words.	13 Have your child draw a picture of something that describes and defines December.	14 Go to the library and check out some books about winter.
15 Help your child clean out her closet. Pass on gently-used toys or clothes to other families.	16 Ask your child <i>how</i> and <i>why</i> questions to give him practice reasoning.	17 Wash your hands with your child before each meal. Talk about why frequent handwashing is so important.	18 Ask your child to draw a picture about what happened in school today. Then talk about it.	19 Talk with your child about the importance of telling an adult when a person is being bullied.	20 When you watch a show with your child, listen for new words. Later, look them up together.	21 Take a walk with your child. Look for things you only see in December.
22 Have your child talk to older relatives about their childhood days.	23 Learn a tongue twister. At dinner, challenge everyone to repeat it three times fast.	24 At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself when you were her age.	25 Give your child a gift certificate good for one special activity with you.	26 Talk to your child about the importance of writing thank-you notes for gifts.	27 Play a family board or card game tonight that strengthens thinking skills.	28 Have your child design a new cover for a much-loved book.
29 Make up a secret code with your child. Use it to write notes this week.	30 Ask family members, "If you were an animal, which animal would you be and why?"	31 Help your child create a time line of the past year.	December 2019			