### March 2007

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<td>4 Have your child use the telephone dial to make words. For example, 5-6-8-3 = &quot;Love.&quot; (Don't actually dial.)</td>
<td>5 Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about dinosaurs.</td>
<td>6 Display samples of your child's writing on a family bulletin board.</td>
<td>7 Reach your child how to prepare nutritious after-school snacks.</td>
<td>1 Make a weather chart. Keep track of the temperature, wind and rain each day in March.</td>
<td>2 It's the birthday of Dr. Seuss. Read one of his books with your child.</td>
<td>3 Try a foreign dish with your child today. Check out a cookbook, get the ingredients and start cooking!</td>
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<td>11 It's Nutrition Month. Visit the local library with your child and check out a book about nutrition.</td>
<td>12 Visit the library. Check out a book about a famous woman.</td>
<td>13 On this day in 1781, the planet Uranus was discovered. Take a walk and look for planets and stars.</td>
<td>14 Create an art gallery. Frame your child's artwork with yard sale finds. Rotate the artwork frequently.</td>
<td>8 Review spelling or vocabulary words tonight. Try to use them in a sentence this week.</td>
<td>9 Challenge your child to make a salad for the family. Include at least one unfamiliar vegetable.</td>
<td>10 Brainstorm how your family could help beautify your neighborhood.</td>
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<td>18 Help your child start a collection. Provide a place to keep it—a box, a shelf, a drawer.</td>
<td>19 Challenge your child to do a secret good deed for a friend or neighbor.</td>
<td>20 Make a bookmark. On a piece of thin cardboard, have your child draw a scene or write a quote from a book.</td>
<td>21 Today, have your child keep track of everything she eats. What would make her diet more nutritious?</td>
<td>15 Make up your child's own holiday today. Invent a special holiday just for your family.</td>
<td>16 Check on your child's grades. If necessary, help him raise them before the year ends.</td>
<td>17 Learn where your town gets its water. Is conservation important in your area? How can you help?</td>
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<td>25 With your child, enjoy an imaginary trip to outer space. Write a story about your trip.</td>
<td>26 Practice division. Ask your child, &quot;How many of your lifetimes has Grandma lived? Aunt Sue?&quot;</td>
<td>27 Have a reading dinner. Encourage everyone to bring an interesting news article to read aloud.</td>
<td>28 On a map, help your child trace where your family came from.</td>
<td>29 Do you know your state bird? If not, look it up. What about your state motto?</td>
<td>30 Have your child help you prepare a special meal tonight.</td>
<td>31 Look at your weather chart. Did March come in like a lion and go out like a lamb?</td>
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<td>1 Celebrate April Fool's Day. Do something silly with your child.</td>
<td>2 Write a poem or story from the point of view of a family pet.</td>
<td>3 Have your child look through the Yellow Pages, choose a business or service, and write a funny ad for it.</td>
<td>4 Help your child write to a friend today.</td>
<td>5 Collect empty boxes and milk cartons. Create a three-dimensional map of your town.</td>
<td>6 Find an alcohol or tobacco ad. Redesign it to show what happens when these products are used.</td>
<td>7 Visit the library and check out a book about birds.</td>
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<td>8 Help your child create her very own reading corner. Furnish it with books, a chair and a good reading lamp.</td>
<td>9 Is your child fighting with a friend? Have them switch roles—it helps them see the other person's point of view.</td>
<td>10 Take a walk with your child. See how many different birds you can identify. Start a list.</td>
<td>11 Have your child use yarn to create two different shapes, each with five sides. Repeat with six or seven sides.</td>
<td>12 Clip an interesting news story. Cut the paragraphs apart. Ask your child to read them and put them in order.</td>
<td>13 Can you and your child communicate without using words? Try it and see.</td>
<td>14 Take your child out to a park and help him learn to fly a kite.</td>
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<td>15 Take your child out for breakfast or make her favorite food at home.</td>
<td>16 Does your child have a large assignment? Help him break it down into smaller parts.</td>
<td>17 Learn a tongue twister. At dinner, challenge everyone to repeat it three times fast.</td>
<td>18 Talk about the &quot;best&quot; and &quot;worst&quot; of your day. Give everyone a chance to share.</td>
<td>19 Water pollution is a growing problem. Discuss with your child what you can do to prevent it.</td>
<td>20 Challenge your child to draw a picture of an imaginary garden. How many different colors can she use?</td>
<td>21 At the grocery store, have your child compare two sizes of the same product. Which is the best buy?</td>
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<td>22 It's Humor Month. Visit the library and check out a book of jokes.</td>
<td>23 Today is William Shakespeare's birthday. Challenge everyone to memorize a little Shakespeare.</td>
<td>24 Have everyone bring a joke to the dinner table. Remember—laughter is the best dinner music!</td>
<td>25 Have your child design a new cover for a much-loved book.</td>
<td>26 Write an encouraging note and tuck it in your child's lunch box or in a school book.</td>
<td>27 It's the birthday of Samuel Morse (b. 1791). Practice sending and receiving messages in Morse Code.</td>
<td>28 Make today &quot;Game Day.&quot; Everyone pick a favorite game for the family to play together.</td>
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<td>29 Help your child figure the perimeter and area of his bedroom.</td>
<td>30 Start a story. Tell it to your child and have her write an ending for it.</td>
<td>31 Look at your weather chart. Did April come in like a lamb and go out like a lion?</td>
<td>32 Celebrate Earth Day. Make a homemade plant.</td>
<td>33 Take the family on a nature walk.</td>
<td>34 Help your child identify different birds you can see.</td>
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# Activity Calendar

## Parent & Child

### Sunday
- **May 2007**

### Monday
- 1. Ask your child to give you a “six o’clock report” about what went on today. What’s the “lead story”?
- 2. It’s Be Kind to Animals Week. Visit the library and check out a book about animals.
- 3. Have your child predict the results of flipping a coin 10 times. Try it and see if she’s right.
- 4. Help your child make a journal. Set aside some time every day so he can write in it.
- 5. It’s Cinco de Mayo. With your child, learn about why this holiday is celebrated in Mexico.
- 6. Help your child make a fruit salad. Include at least one new or unfamiliar fruit.
- 7. Get the schedule for end-of-year tests. Make sure your child eats a good breakfast those days.
- 8. Encourage your child to write a thank-you to a favorite teacher this month.
- 10. Have your child listen to different types of music. Ask her to describe how they make her feel.
- 11. Visit the library. Check out a book about deserts. What kinds of people live near them?
- 12. Enjoy an outdoor activity with your child today.
- 13. Look through magazines and newspapers for 90º angles. Create a collage of these angles.
- 14. Together, make a list of the jobs that need to be done at home. Make a job chart to share the work.
- 15. When you read aloud, choose an exciting place to stop. Ask, “What do you think will happen next?”
- 16. Teach a card game to your child. Play it with the whole family tonight.
- 17. Give your child a hug today.
- 18. Plan a late bedtime so everyone can read in bed. Serve a healthful snack if you wish.
- 20. Go on a “people scavenger hunt.” Find people who have skills or talents that interest your child.
- 21. Discuss baseball scores and averages on the sports pages. Who has the highest scores? What are the percentages?
- 22. Open an atlas and point to any page. What might people in that country eat?
- 23. Talk to your child about people he admires. Ask him why he admires them.
- 24. Challenge everyone in the family to try writing a funny limerick.
- 25. Do you know your state flower? If you don’t, look it up.
- 26. Take a walk in a nearby park. Pay attention to the flowers and birds that you may see.

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