

Parent & Child Activity Calendar

Elementary School

Irvin Elementary School



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Elementary School Parents
make the difference!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 2011						<p>1 Together, find out what's inside a seed. Soak a dry bean overnight, remove the coat and pull the halves apart.</p>
<p>2 Talk with your child about why students who do homework earn better grades.</p>	<p>3 Be creative in the kitchen. See who can invent the greatest-tasting new pizza topping.</p>	<p>4 At dinner, talk about how family members are achieving their weekly goals. Celebrate everyone's successes.</p>	<p>5 With your child, keep a record of the moon this month. Look at the moon every night and draw what it looks like.</p>	<p>6 Follow a baseball team in the pennant race with your child. Ask him if he can explain the statistics in his own words.</p>	<p>7 Talk about the "best" and the "worst" of your day. Everyone gets a turn to talk.</p>	<p>8 Today is the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire. Develop a family plan in case of a fire in your home.</p>
<p>9 Take your child out for breakfast, or serve a favorite breakfast at home. Make this a regular habit.</p>	<p>10 Have a contest: How many words can you and your child make from the letters in OCTOBER?</p>	<p>11 As baseball season winds down, play math facts baseball. Each answer your child gets right is a "base hit."</p>	<p>12 Take a walk and look for signs of fall. See if your child can identify any of the trees you pass on your walk.</p>	<p>13 Talk about honesty and why it is so important. Find examples of people who demonstrate honesty.</p>	<p>14 Make a leaf rubbing. Place a leaf on newspaper. Cover with thin paper and have your child rub with a crayon.</p>	<p>15 Suggest that your child clean out her backpack every weekend. She'll start the week organized.</p>
<p>16 Set aside time every day for reading aloud. Sometimes, let your child read to you.</p>	<p>17 List 10 of your child's successes this week. List 10 of your own. Post the list where you can both see it.</p>	<p>18 Have your child make a chart of the birds she sees—by type of bird and time of day.</p>	<p>19 With your child, fill in calendar blanks with weather reports, birthdays, special activities or notes to each other.</p>	<p>20 Have your child teach you something he needs to learn for homework. It's a great way to reinforce learning.</p>	<p>21 Decide on a location anywhere in the world. Take turns telling one thing you would like to see there.</p>	<p>22 Keep books tucked in the glove box of your car. Read while waiting for the bus or at the doctor's.</p>
<p>23 Have dinner by candlelight tonight.</p>	<p>24 Read a book about your town or state.</p>	<p>25 It's Hunger Awareness Month. Plan something your family can do to reduce hunger in your town or the world.</p>	<p>26 Have your child read to you as you're cleaning up after supper. Or read to your child as she cleans up!</p>	<p>27 It's Teddy Roosevelt's birthday. Look up facts about this president and protector of the environment.</p>	<p>28 Take the Geography Challenge. Name a state, province or country. Who can call out the capital first?</p>	<p>29 Some time today, exchange notes instead of talking. (This also works when things get noisy!)</p>
<p>30 Review math facts with your child.</p>	<p>31 Encourage your child to draw a self-portrait.</p>					