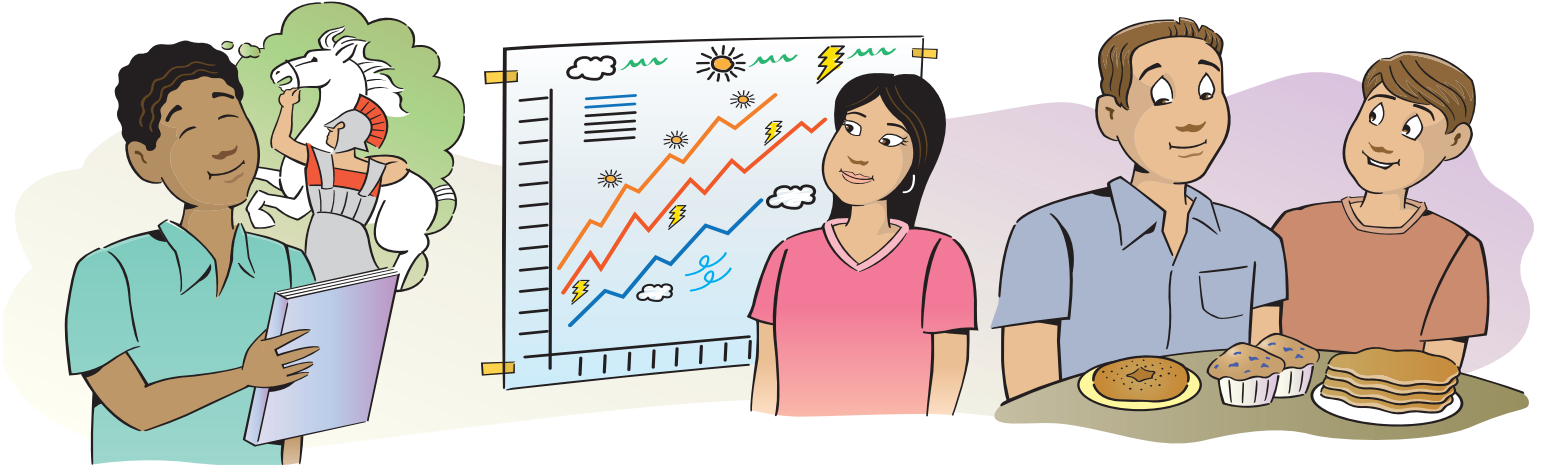


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Calendar

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Middle School Parents *still make the difference!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October		1 Ask your child to tell you what the word <i>success</i> means to her.	2 Kids who read regularly earn the highest grades. Start a daily reading time for the entire family.	3 Help your child create a study schedule before a test. He's more likely to remember material studied over several days.	4 When your child tells you something important, repeat it to make sure you understood.	5 Listen to your child's concerns but discourage whining.
6 Invent a recipe with your child. If it doesn't work, try to fix it.	7 Have your child tell you about the assignments she has due this week.	8 Remind your child that there are no stupid questions. If he really wants to learn, he should ask questions in class.	9 When reviewing your child's work, comment on answers she got right before looking at the ones she missed.	10 Does your child dawdle during homework time? Have him set a timer while working.	11 Talk to your child about people she admires. Discuss the reasons why she admires them.	12 Teach your child how to sew on a button today.
13 Ask your child to help you solve a crossword puzzle. This builds important vocabulary skills.	14 It's Columbus Day. Learn something new about Columbus' voyages.	15 Give your child a say in which chores he does. Post a job chart to remind him and reduce nagging.	16 Read a textbook assignment with your child. Then ask her to tell you about it in her own words.	17 Take your child to a high school sporting event. Talk about his goals for high school.	18 "Because I said so!" may be frustrating for middle schoolers to hear. Explain your reasoning.	19 Give your child a plant. Let her be responsible for its care.
20 Have your child draw a window picture. He can look out the window and draw what he sees!	21 Encourage your child to read during quiet times at home. Before bed is a perfect time to read.	22 Talk with your child about mistakes. What are some ways people can learn from their mistakes?	23 Ask your child what she would do if a friend of hers stole something from a store.	24 Challenge your child to tell you why washing hands prevents the spread of diseases.	25 Admit and apologize to your child when you're wrong.	26 When your child visits a friend's home, require adult supervision.
27 Ask, "What do you wish we did differently at home?" Be open to your child's suggestions.	28 Help your child manage homework without actually doing it for him.	29 Play math "Jeopardy." Give a number. Who can come up with a problem for which it is the answer?	30 Tell your child one specific thing you love about her today. Try to do this every day.	31 Look at a map together. Ask your child to show you the shortest route between two particular cities.	2013	