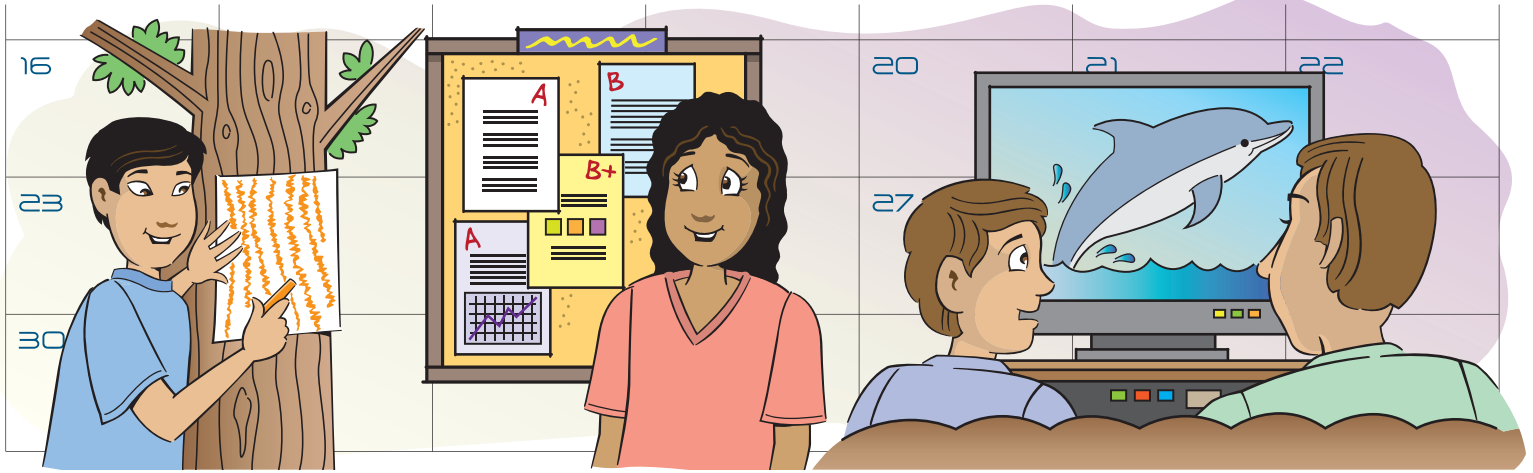


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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| December 2016 | | | | | | |
| 4 Have your child blow bubbles in freezing weather. How does the cold affect them? Look for ice forming on the bubbles. | 5 Trace your child's shoe on paper. Let him use crayons and his imagination to turn the tracing into a funny picture. | 6 Pick a word from the dictionary and draw a picture of it. See if your child can guess the word. Then let your child pick a word. | 7 Remind your child that you enjoy her company and let her know you love her. | 8 Look for a community service activity to do with your child. Consider donating old clothes or toys to charity. | 9 Set an example for your child. Let him see you reading. Then say, "Reading is so much fun!" | 10 Talk to your child about holiday traditions in other cultures. Find a book about holidays to read together. |
| 11 Read a story together. In the middle of the story, ask your child how she would end it. | 12 Pick a word and challenge your child to put its letters in alphabetical order. | 13 Plan a reading dinner. Have family members share something they have learned from reading. | 14 At the grocery store, have your child compare the prices of two sizes of the same product. Which is the best buy? | 15 Talk with your child about mistakes. How can people learn from their mistakes? | 16 Talk to your child about the importance of writing thank-you notes for gifts. | 17 Have your child go online to research events that occurred on the day he was born. |
| 18 Take a walk with your child. Have her point out things she sees only in December. | 19 Hum a song and see if your child can guess the name of the song. | 20 Have your child predict the results of flipping a coin 10 times. Try it and see if he's right. | 21 Start a list of places you'd like to visit. Have your child do research to obtain information about these places. | 22 Have your child listen to different types of music. Ask her to describe how each type makes her feel. | 23 Pick a new word out of the dictionary. Everyone try to use that word at least three times today! | 24 Read a story to your child and use a different voice for each character. |
| 25 Play a board game as a family this evening. | 26 With your child, estimate how many bowls of cereal you can pour from one box. Keep track until the box is empty. | 27 Make a book-mark. On a piece of thin cardboard, have your child draw a scene or write a quotation from a book. | 28 Challenge your child to do a secret good deed for a friend or neighbor. | 29 Watch the news on TV with your child. Choose one story and compare it with the newspaper story on the same event. | 30 Have your child write directions for making a sandwich. Then have him follow them exactly. | 31 Challenge your child to find items at home she can use to make a noisemaker to ring in the New Year. |