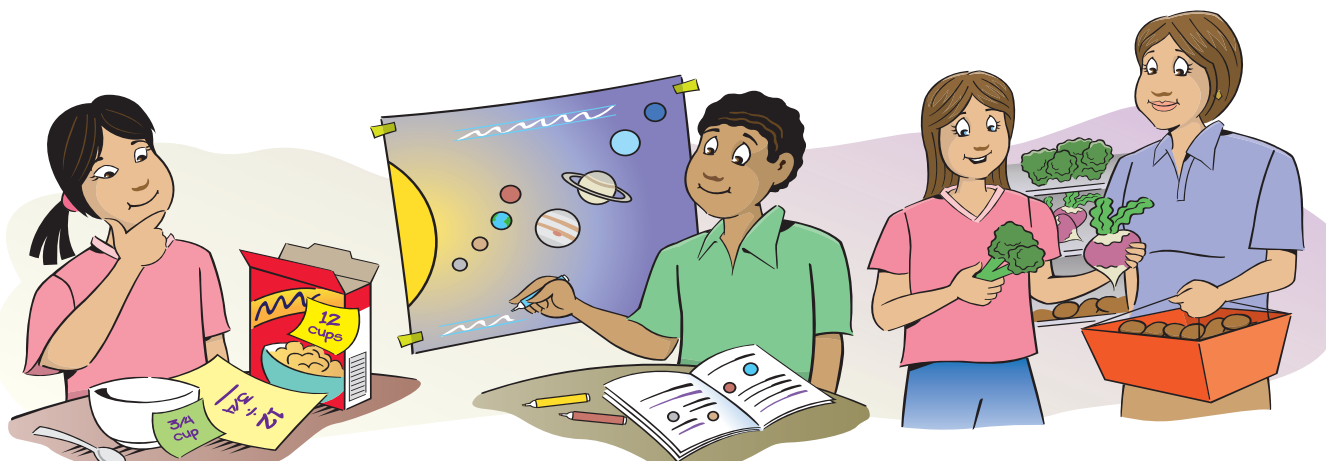


Parent & Child Activity Calendar

Harvard Elementary School



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October		1 Have a contest: How many words can you and your child make from the letters in OCTOBER?	2 Put items such as acorns in a jar. Ask your child to guess the number of items. Count them together.	3 When your child comes home, have her draw what happened in school. Then talk about it.	4 Talk with your child about a choice you've made. Also talk about the consequences.	5 Put on music and spend 15 minutes drawing or writing with your child. Let the music be your inspiration.
6 Help your child start a collection. Provide a place to keep it—a box, a shelf, a drawer.	7 Build responsibility. Give your child a small plant to take care of. Put him in charge of the watering schedule.	8 Read three poems with your child today.	9 Learn the sign language alphabet. Use it to practice spelling words today.	10 Look at a tree in your neighborhood. Talk about how it has changed in the last few weeks.	11 Does your child have homework to do over the weekend? Make sure she schedules time to complete it.	12 Help your child round up some friends and play a game together outside.
13 Tell your child that people learn when they try new things. Today, try a new food or take a new route home.	14 A good breakfast helps kids learn. Start the day with a healthy breakfast at home or at school.	15 Do a crossword puzzle with your child. It's a great way to learn new words.	16 Ask your child to pretend he's mayor for a day. List three ideas to make your community a better place.	17 Post a new vocabulary word and its definition on the bathroom mirror. Change it every three or four days.	18 Dissolve some salt and water in a glass. Watch for a few days. Talk about what happens.	19 Set up a well-lit corner with pillows and favorite books. Encourage your child to get cozy with books.
20 When you're in the store, ask your child to figure how much tax you will be charged.	21 Watch the news with your child. Choose a "Person of the Week." Read more about that person.	22 Give your child a measuring tape. Ask her to measure and record the dimensions of objects in your house.	23 Give your child 10 "coupons," each good for an hour of your uninterrupted attention.	24 With your child, learn how to count to 10 in at least three different languages.	25 Watch a TV program with your child. Track the time spent on commercials vs. the program. Create a graph.	26 Spend a half hour reading together today. Let your child pick the book you will read.
27 Ask your child to help you organize something, such as a closet.	28 Ask your child how and why questions to give him experience answering questions that require reasoning.	29 Create a word search by hiding words in a grid and surrounding with random letters. Let your child find the words.	30 Talk with your child about ways to handle stress. Exercising and talking to someone are good options.	31 What is the coldest place in the nation today? The warmest? What's the difference between the two temperatures?	2013	