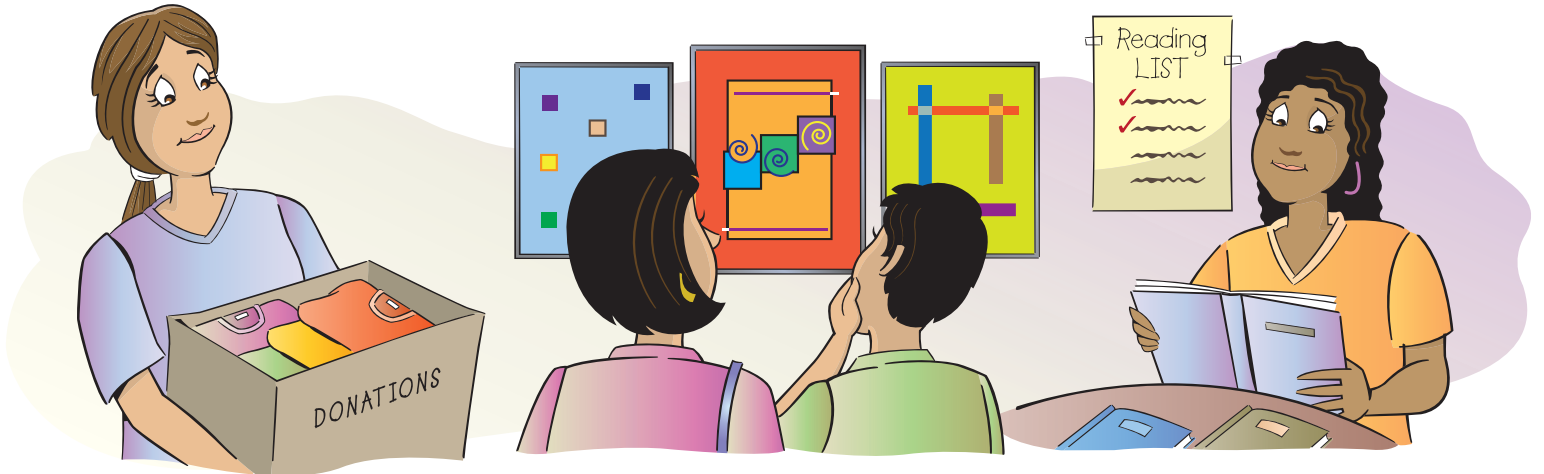


# Parent Pointers

## Calendar

Hamshire-Fannett Middle School



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Make a weather chart. Keep track of the temperature, wind and rain each day in March.	<b>2</b> Make up trivia questions about your family. Quiz one another at the dinner table.	<b>3</b> Don't use time with electronics as a reward or punishment. It will make it seem even more important to your child.	<b>4</b> Ask your child questions about school to get an idea about what she is learning.	<b>5</b> Have your child solve silly math problems, such as "How many hours until the first day of school?"	<b>6</b> Remind your child to plan time for himself. Being a middle schooler can be stressful!	<b>7</b> It's Women's History Month. Visit the library and check out a book about a woman your child admires.
<b>8</b> Try an ethnic recipe. What can it teach your child about another culture?	<b>9</b> Admit when you are wrong and apologize to your child.	<b>10</b> Today, talk to your child as you would to a friend or co-worker. How does your child respond?	<b>11</b> Ask your child to imagine life 150 years ago. How about 150 years in the future?	<b>12</b> Talk to your child about social media. Does she use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram? Be sure to check her posts often.	<b>13</b> Review school safety rules with your child. What behavior could cause suspension? Expulsion?	<b>14</b> If your child is an athlete, leave coaching to the coach. Sideline coaching distracts players and will embarrass your child.
<b>15</b> Test observation skills. Challenge each other to describe someone you just passed on the street.	<b>16</b> Ask your child who his role models are and why. You may learn something new about him.	<b>17</b> Figure out the average of something with your child, such as family members' height in inches.	<b>18</b> Don't violate your child's privacy. By providing privacy, parents demonstrate respect.	<b>19</b> Don't "label" your child (Sue is the shy one). Kids tend to live up to roles cast for them by their parents.	<b>20</b> Avoid giving in to your child's demands once you have made a decision about something.	<b>21</b> Do some research on drug abuse. Make sure you and your child have the latest facts.
<b>22</b> Enjoy some outdoor physical activity as a family today.	<b>23</b> Encourage your child to avoid all-nighters and cramming just before a test.	<b>24</b> Emphasize the importance of school attendance. Point out that attendance is also important in the working world.	<b>25</b> Do an annual allowance review. You may give more, but expect more responsibility in return.	<b>26</b> Ask your child: "Do you think honesty is always the best policy? Why or why not?"	<b>27</b> Encourage your child to invite friends over for pizza and a movie. Make sure you learn the friends' names.	<b>28</b> Ask your child to teach you something, such as a computer skill.
<b>29</b> Practice your child's favorite sport with him. Playing sports can improve kids' self-esteem.	<b>30</b> Middle schoolers can be moody. Pick your battles, but don't tolerate disrespect.	<b>31</b> Look at your weather chart. Did March come in like a lion and go out like a lamb?	<b>March 2015</b>			