

Is Parent Involvement Month in Minnesota!

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Try these ways to be involved in your child's education in October!

4 Go outside and do something physical with your child.

5 Have a family reading night. Plan on 30 minutes. One person can read aloud or to a buddy, or you can read silently.

6 Talk about the changes in the sun, daylight, temperature and why they happen.

7 Consider volunteering. Send a note to school asking about ways to help at home or at the building.

8 Check your child's backpack every night for homework and school messages. What activities can you attend this month?

9 Go outside and talk about what you see in the night sky.

10 Visit your local library. Check out the library activities and what it has to offer.

11 Write notes to the people you love. Take turns writing the notes or thinking of things to say.

12 Plan what to take to school for lunch this week. Write it down for each day.

13 Write down the time the sun sets today. Do this every day for two weeks.

14 Ask about your children's day. What were the best and worst parts? Help them think positively about the tough parts.

15 See who can bounce a ball the most without missing. Everyone counts.

16 Look for a good grade or improvement. Tell your child, "I knew you could do it." "Wow!" "Fantastic work!"

17 Family game night. Play board games as a family.

18 Host a pals' picnic with your child's friends. Everyone helps make the food. Picnics can be inside, too!

19 Have a family reading night. Plan on 30 minutes. One person can read aloud or to a buddy, or you can read silently.

20 Have high expectations for your children's schoolwork. Tell them that education is important.

21 Call or e-mail a teacher and ask how your child is doing. Ask what you can do at home to help your child.

22 Take turns playing "I Spy" using colors, shapes, or sizes. Tell your children, "I spy something blue." Everyone has to guess what you spy.

23 Talk with your children about what they would like to do when they grow up and finish school.

24 Tell your children about when they were born, about their relatives, and what you did when you were a child.

25 Have an arts and crafts afternoon. Plan decorations for Halloween or fall. Carve pumpkins and roast the seeds.

26 Make dinner together. Measuring is a great way to learn math. Reading directions is great for literacy. Eat up!

27 Write down the time the sun set. How much did it change in the last two weeks?

28 Place a dried bean on a damp paper towel in a closed plastic bag. Hang it in a sunny spot. Watch what happens.

29 Invite an older person over to talk about how things were a long time ago. How are they different now?

30 Has your child been doing homework each day? If so congratulate him or her.

31 Trick or treat together or play games at home as a family.



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PARENT INVOLVEMENT TIPS

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- Be involved in your child's education from preschool through high school.
- Let your child know that you expect them to do their best.
- Ask your child about his or her school day ... every day.
- Become acquainted with your child's teacher and communicate with him or her often through notes, e-mail, phone conversations, and parent/teacher conferences.
- Ask your child's teacher what you can do at home to help your child do better in school.
- Attend school events such as parent/teacher conferences, open houses, student performances, and First Day events as often as you can.
- Attend conferences to learn how well the children at your school are doing and how the school plans to help children do better.
- Find out if your child's school is a Title I school and ask what that means for you and your family.
- Learn about the No Child Left Behind Act and how it affects you, your child, and the school.
- Join a decision-making group at your child's school such as the School Improvement Team (SIT), Parent Advisory Council, or Parent Teacher Association (or other parent group).
- Help your child sign up for a library card in his or her name.
- Ask your child's teacher for a list of books that your child can read to you, or that you can read to your child.
- Ask your child every day if she or he has homework.
- Talk with your child on the porch, deck, on a walk, or in the car.

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