September 2023

1. Make an appointment to spend time with your child this month. Write it on your calendar.
2. Have a “goodbye to summer” picnic today. Talk with your child about the great times you had together over the summer.
3. Name different types of punctuation with your child.
4. A nutritious breakfast helps kids learn. Be sure your child starts the day with a healthy breakfast at home or at school.
5. Help your elementary schooler set a learning goal. Write down the steps your child will take to reach it. Post it in a visible spot.
6. Find out about upcoming events for families at school. Plan to attend as many as you can.
7. Select a spot in your home to display your child’s best schoolwork. Change the display often.
8. It’s International Literacy Day. Talk about why reading is important and schedule a daily read aloud-time with your child.
9. Assign a place to keep important school papers—a box, basket or folder.
10. Review the school rules with your child. Say that you expect your child to follow them.
11. Ask your child to tell you a story.
12. Watch the news together. Help your child use a world map to locate one place that was mentioned.
13. Start a family savings plan for a special goal. Discuss how your family can reach the goal together.
14. Write your student’s name vertically. Have your child use each letter to begin a line of a poem.
15. As a treat, let your child stay up 30 minutes late to read in bed.
16. A planning calendar can help your child stay organized this school year. Get or make one together.
17. Give family members some marshmallows and uncooked spaghetti. See who can build the tallest tower.
18. Find something small enough to fit in a pocket. Have your child write a story about it.
19. Ask your child to tell you about one thing the class learned about in school today. Share one thing you learned.
20. Let your child see you keep your temper when you are angry. Calmly talk about how you feel instead of yelling.
21. Review spelling or vocabulary words with your child tonight.
22. Play board or card games as a family.
23. Visit an interesting place in your town. Then ask your child to create an advertisement to tell others about it.
24. Have each family member write a funny sentence. Put them together to make a story.
25. Draw a picture with your child. Hang it on the refrigerator.
26. If you haven’t met your child’s teacher yet, make plans to do so. Talk about your visit with your child.
27. At dinner, have family members share the best and worst parts of their days.
28. Ask your child to calculate the average age of family members. Add up ages, then divide by number of family members.
29. Ask your child, “What is one thing that makes you feel really excited?”
30. Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about science.