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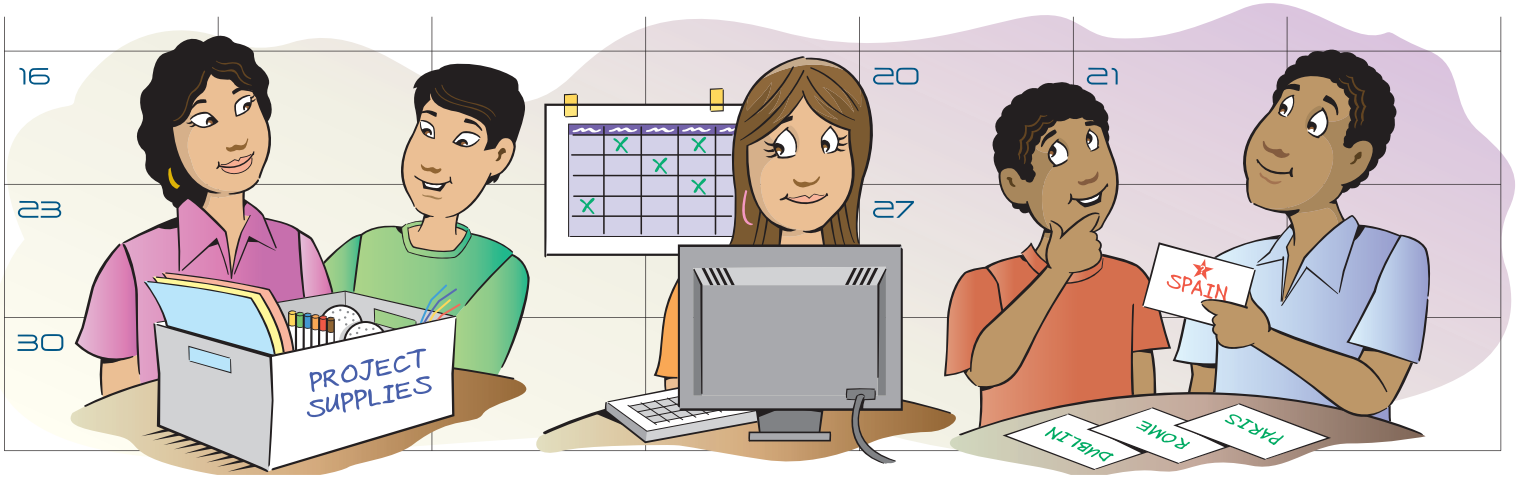
Valley Stream Memorial Jr. High School



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March		**1** Talk to your child about her commitments outside of school. Make sure she has time to complete homework every night.	**2** Students remember more from two 20-minute study sessions than from one 40-minute session.	**3** Talk with your child about stereotypes. Discuss why they're unfair.	**4** Take your child to a high school sporting event. Talk about his expectations for high school.	**5** It's Women's History Month. Visit the library and check out a book about a woman your child admires.
6 Listen to a piece of music that has no lyrics. Have your child write her own words to the song.	**7** Risk-taking can boost confidence. Applaud your child when he tackles a new challenge.	**8** Have your child use a toothpick dipped in lemon juice to write a message. Hold the paper up to a lightbulb to decipher.	**9** Ask your child to select and read a news article to you. Share opinions about it with each other.	**10** Look at the class schedule of a local college. Which courses interest your child?	**11** Look at your child's old school photos. Tell her how proud you are of her progress in school.	**12** If your child is an athlete, leave coaching to the coach. Sideline coaching distracts players and will embarrass your child.
13 Help your child improve his vocabulary. Do a crossword puzzle together today.	**14** Ask your child questions about school to get an idea about what she is learning.	**15** Suggest a book to your child in which the main character is a good role model.	**16** Does your child know the names of the senators from your state or province? If not, help him learn them.	**17** Stay in touch with your child's teachers and counselor to find out how she is doing in school.	**18** Encourage your child to invite friends over for pizza and a movie. Make sure you learn his friends' names.	**19** Let your child help you make a chore chart. Everyone can check off jobs as they are finished.
20 Give family members marshmallows and toothpicks. See who can build the tallest tower.	**21** Ask your child to tell you about the similarities and the differences between her classes.	**22** Talk to your child about how immigrants have contributed to your community.	**23** Bring up a sticky situation before it occurs. Ask what your child might do. Listen and ask questions.	**24** At the grocery store, have your child estimate how many apples are in two pounds. Use the scales to check.	**25** Look for an educational show on television to watch with your child tonight.	**26** Be tourists in your own hometown today. Visit a local historical site with your child.
27 Take a walk with your child and use all five senses to observe the world around you.	**28** Be on the lookout for things your child does right. Compliment him on his effort and successes.	**29** Play a family game of math "Jeopardy." Say a number. Who can come up with an equation for which it is the answer?	**30** Support school policies and rules. Expect your child to follow them.	**31** Ask your child to name five things she learned in school this month. Post the list on the refrigerator.	**2016**	

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