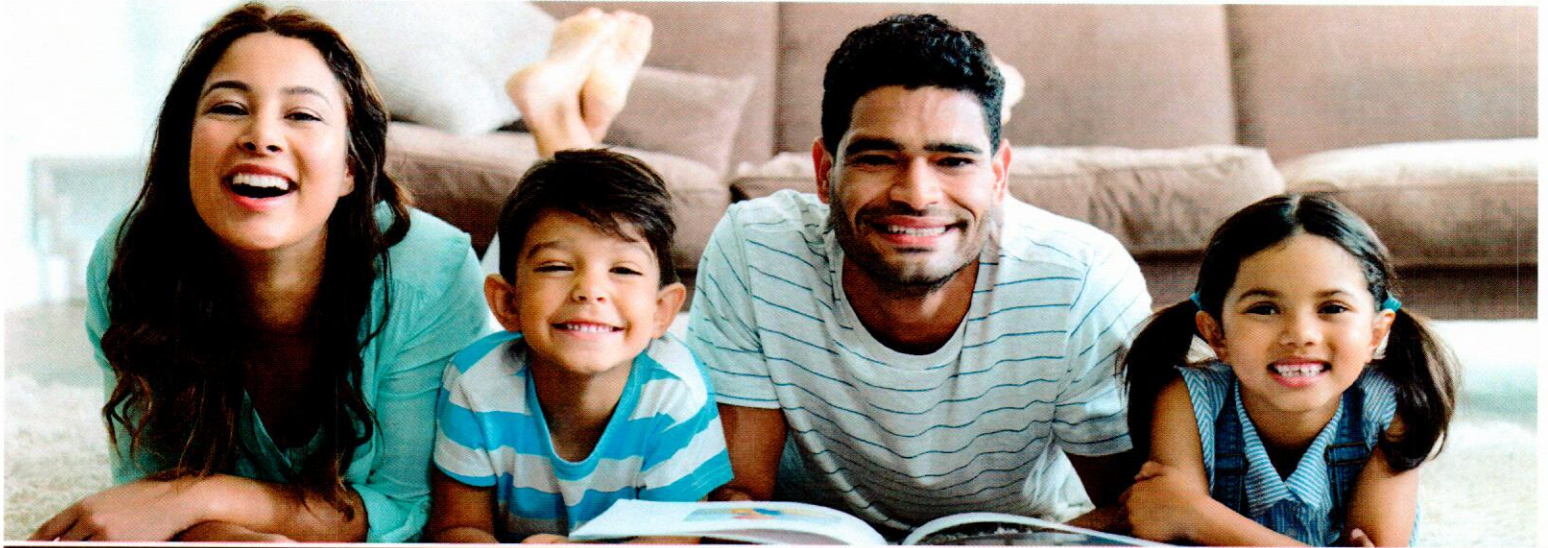


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Early Childhood
Parents
make the difference!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Celebrate April Fool's Day. Ask your child to help you play a harmless, silly prank on family members.	2 Ask your child to tell you the three best things about herself.	3 Ask your child to draw a picture of himself today. Was he feeling happy, sad, confused, angry?	4 Read an age-appropriate joke book with your child today.	5 Have a pattern day. Ask your child to notice patterns around her, such as a striped shirt or a flowered sheet.	6 Praise your child for something he did today. Make your praise as specific as possible.	7 Do body arithmetic. Ask your child how much her fingers, knees, toes and nose add up to.
8 Ask your child "What if" questions: "What if your hair were made of spaghetti?"	9 Start a made-up story. "A man went down the road and he met a" Let your child finish the story.	10 Make a paper crown and let your child play Majesty for a day. What rules would he set?	11 Make a letter tree. Hang new letters from the tree as your child learns them.	12 Share something of yours with your child today. It's the best way to teach her to share with others!	13 Go for a nature walk to celebrate spring's arrival. If allowed, pick some wild flowers to put in a vase.	14 Take your child by a construction site. Talk about what the workers are doing and the machines they use.
15 Teach your child the Golden Rule—treat others as you would like to be treated.	16 Read a story to your child. Later ask him to retell it to you from memory.	17 Tell your child she learns when she tries new things. Today, try a new food or take a new route home together.	18 Put as many shoes as you can find into a pile. Mix them up. Encourage your child to sort them into pairs.	19 Have your child draw or paint a picture of the place where you live.	20 Set up a well-lit corner with pillows and favorite books. Encourage your child to get cozy with books.	21 After a bath, let your child make wet footprints on colored construction paper. What do they look like?
22 Encourage your child to try two motor tasks at the same time—for example, clapping hands while walking.	23 Cut out pairs of pictures (two dogs, two cats). Paste on index cards. Place face down and ask your child to match the pairs.	24 Help your child make a collage from odds and ends around the house—ribbons, string, buttons, etc.	25 Stand facing your child. Have him pretend to be a mirror and imitate all your movements. Then, trade places.	26 Give your child crayons and a large sheet of paper. Put on some favorite music to inspire artistic creativity.	27 Write a note to your child to tell her you love her. Put it in a place where only she will find it.	28 Help your child look up facts about a favorite animal at the library. Use the internet, books or an encyclopedia.
29 Teach your child the rhyme: "April showers bring May flowers." Have him draw a picture of rain and flowers.	30 Ask your child, "What would happen if your favorite animal lived in your room?"	<h1>April 2018</h1>				