October 2017

1. Talk about careers with your child. What does she think she would like to do when she grows up?
2. List five of your child’s successes this week. List five of your own. Post the lists where you can both see them.
3. Have your child teach you something he needs to learn for homework. It’s an effective way to reinforce learning.
4. At dinner, talk about how family members are achieving their weekly goals. Celebrate everyone’s efforts.
5. Sometime today, exchange notes with your child instead of talking.
6. With your child, record the shape of the moon every night this month.
7. Read a book about your town or state with your child this weekend.
8. It’s Fire Prevention Week. Plan a safe escape route at your house.
9. Today’s news is history in the making. Watch the news with your child.
10. Have a contest: How many words can you and your child make from the letters in OCTOBER?
11. Ask your child about the best present she ever got. What made it special?
12. Take a walk and look for signs of fall. See if your child can identify any of the trees you pass.
13. Start a project with your child. Make plans to work on it regularly.
14. Make a leaf rubbing. Place a leaf on newspaper. Cover it with thin paper and have your child rub over the leaf with a crayon.
15. Make today dictionary day. Talk with your child about new words that should be in the dictionary.
16. Set aside time every day for reading aloud. Sometimes, let your child read to you.

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17. Exercise with your child. Pick an activity you both enjoy, such as biking or tossing a ball.
18. Have your child make a chart of the types of birds he sees.
19. Look through the newspaper with your child. What headlines interest her? Read an article together and discuss it.
20. With your child, fill in blanks on the calendar with weather reports, birthdays, special activities or notes to each other.
21. Visit the library and check out a mystery book to read together.
22. Keep a stash of reading materials in your car. Read with your child while standing in line at a store or waiting at the doctor’s.
23. Make a big pot of soup. Let your child help with measuring.
24. Plan an imaginary vacation with your child.
25. Review math facts at the dinner table tonight.
26. Have your child read to you as you clean up after a meal. Or read to your child as she cleans up!
27. Give your child a hug today.
28. Together, learn to say hello in two other languages.
29. Help your child time different activities he does in a day.
30. Encourage your child to draw a self-portrait.
31. Choose an object, such as a paper clip. Ask your child to figure out different ways to use it.