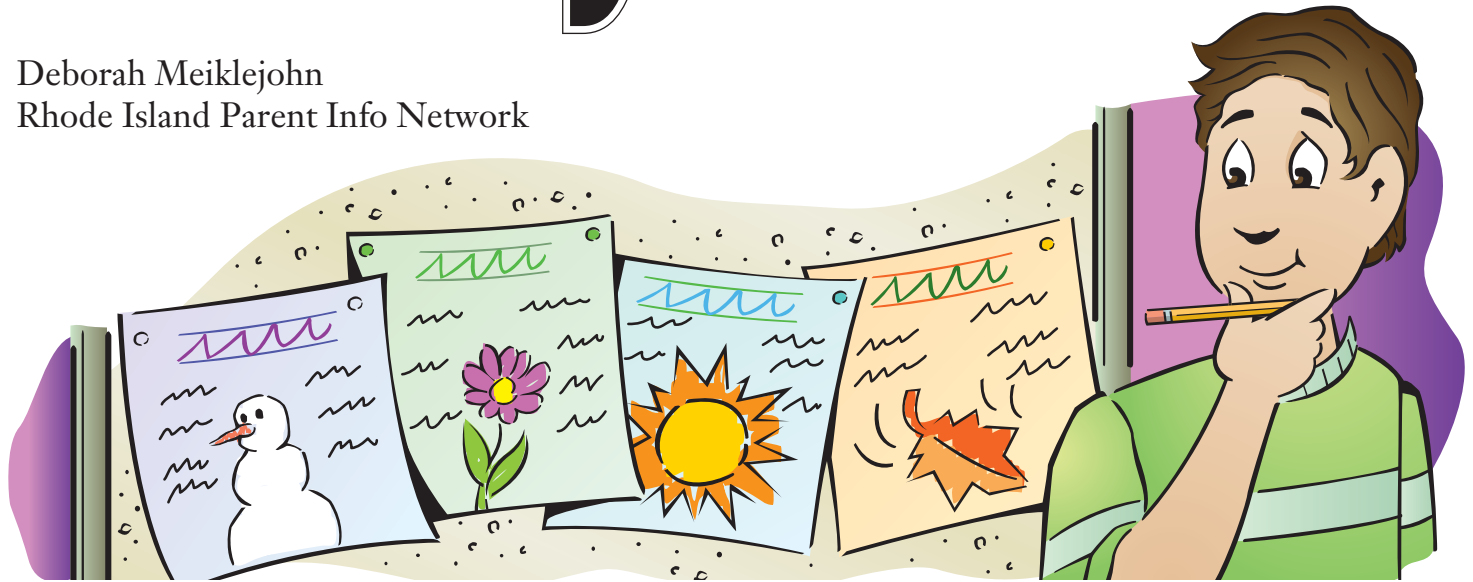


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2010					1 Using an empty coffee can, have your child make a time capsule for the year just past.	2 Make a list of the best times you had during the last year. Schedule time on the calendar to do them in 2010.
3 Encourage your child to start a diary or journal this year.	4 Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about origami, the Japanese art of paper folding.	5 Make a puzzle with your child. Glue a picture from a magazine onto cardboard. Cut it into puzzle shapes.	6 Tonight at dinner, put a "price" on each item you serve. Have your child figure out the "cost" of the meal.	7 On this day in 1782, the first commercial bank was founded. Start a small savings account for your child.	8 When you're in the car, have your child estimate how far it is to your destination. Check using the odometer.	9 Practice origami with your child.
10 Have a family sing-along. Have each family member share a favorite song!	11 It's National Clean Off Your Desk Day. Make it Clean Off Your Homework Place Day, too!	12 Challenge your child to put away 1 + 3 + 2 + 4 + 1 things in his room.	13 The first radio broadcast was on this date in 1910. Instead of watching TV tonight, listen to the radio.	14 Resist the urge to overschedule your kids. They need "down time" to think, imagine and play.	15 It's National Soup Month. Make soup with your child—and enjoy the book <i>Stone Soup</i> together.	16 Take a walk with your child. Note the seasonal changes.
17 Have a contest. Who can name the most parts of the body? (Organs count, too.)	18 Celebrate Martin Luther King's life. Talk with your child about prejudice.	19 Watch the news with your child. Choose one story and compare it with the newspaper story.	20 Help your child make a fruit salad for dinner tonight. Include one unfamiliar fruit.	21 What's the coldest place in the nation today? The warmest? What's the difference between the two?	22 Feed the birds. Use a notebook to record the kinds of birds you see.	23 Check the newspaper to see if there's a place you and your child can go roller skating or ice skating.
24 Help your child check out a book about a career.	25 Do a crossword puzzle with your child. It's a great way to learn new words.	26 When you're in the store, ask your child to figure how much change you should get from your purchase.	27 It's the birthday of W. A. Mozart. Listen to some classical music with your child today.	28 Write your child's name in a vertical column. Have him use each letter in his name to begin a poem.	29 Have a reading dinner. Ask family members to share something from the books they are reading.	30 Have your child help shop, prepare the dinner and clean up!
31 Have your child write and mail a letter to a friend.						