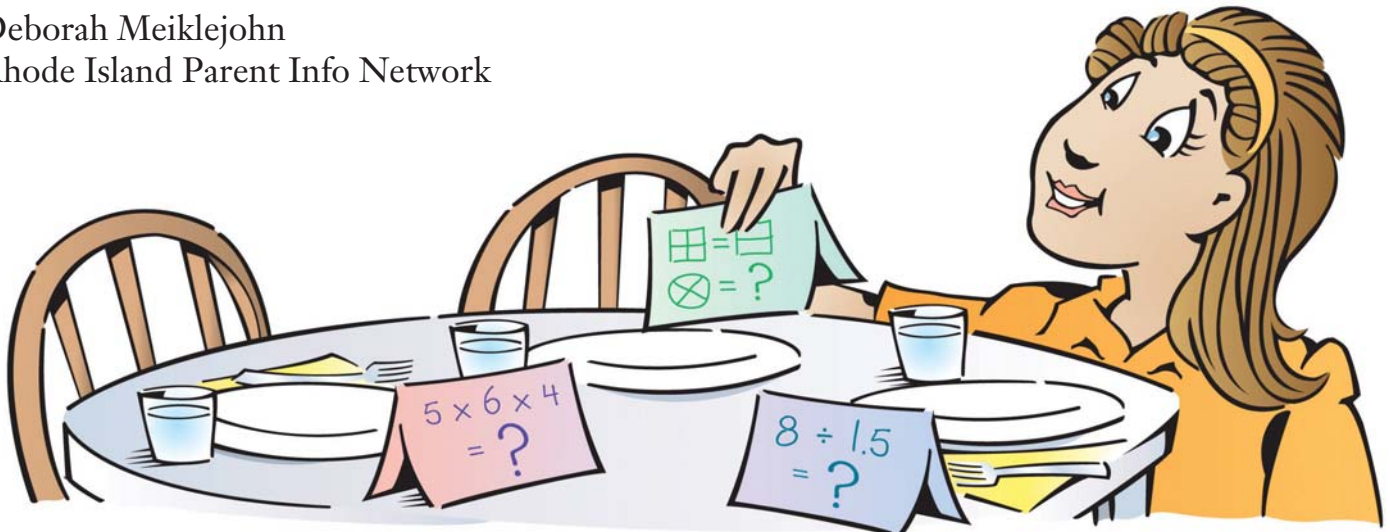


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 2009			1 Add food coloring to a dollop of shaving cream. Let your child use it as finger paint.	2 Help your child write a letter to a relative or friend telling about summer events.	3 Visit a used book store. Let your child buy a book or two.	4 Read under the stars. Take a blanket and book out and read with your child by flashlight.
5 Create messages using the numbers on the phone. 469-273-968 = "How are you?" (Don't actually dial.)	6 Visit your library. Help your child find a book in a series to read. Ask the librarian for suggestions.	7 At dinner, have each family member say something nice about every person at the table.	8 Help your child make a puppet from a paper bag, an old sock, or a stick. Let her put on a show.	9 Have your child make a time capsule and then put it away for a year or two.	10 Have your child cut out pictures from several magazines. Then have him write a story about them.	11 Give your child a bucket of water and some paint brushes. Let her "paint" on the sidewalk.
12 Play a word game such as Scrabble®, Password® or Boggle® with your child.	13 Find out when the sun sets and rises in your area. Ask your child to calculate the daylight hours.	14 Help your child be a pet detective. Observe an animal closely together.	15 Look at family photos from past generations. Share family stories with your child.	16 As you do errands, help your child talk with people about the jobs they do.	17 Have everyone read in bed tonight. Serve a favorite snack.	18 Look at the stars with your child. Make up new constellations together.
19 Help your child invent a secret code for sending messages. Then leave notes for each other.	20 Encourage your child to start a hobby. Check out the library for good ideas.	21 Play math "Jeopardy." Give a number. Who can come up with a problem for which it is the answer?	22 Have a family campfire and tell stories. No place for a fire? Gather indoors around a bowl of popcorn.	23 Play alphabet games with your child. List countries, animals or cars in alphabetical order.	24 Take an after dinner walk with your child. Talk about what each of you did during the day.	25 Ask your child to design a cover for a favorite book.
26 Find a comfortable spot to read with your child outside today.	27 Going on a car trip? Check the library for audio books to take with you.	28 Have a scavenger hunt. Make a list of words for your child to circle in the newspaper today.	29 Talk with your child about honesty. Why is honesty so important in the world today?	30 Help your child make musical instruments from things around your house. Have a concert.	31 Choose a new recipe. Have fun making it with your child.	