



Miami Springs Middle

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Communicate your Expectations

The best way to let your child know what to expect is to communicate it in clear, understandable language. Such language is specific and gives your child firm boundaries in which to operate.

Here's an example:

"I need you to weed the flowerbed by Saturday at 3 p.m. I know you want to go visit a friend by 5 p.m., so the weeding will have to be done by 3 p.m. I will check with you Friday night to see if you have figured out a good time to do the weeding on

Saturday.

Your child is much more likely to follow directions like these that she is to follow "Weed the flowerbed this weekend."

Here are some other tips that get good results:

1. **Make sure your child knows how to** do what you're asking. If she doesn't, show her. Show her again if necessary.
2. **Write your expectations in a note** and put the note where she

will see it. Many children learn



Use specific language when giving your child directions.

better by reading and seeing than they do by talking and listening.

Source: Jane Bluestein, Ph.D., *Parents, Teens, and Boundaries: How to Draw the Line.*

Improve Reading Skills: Limit TV

Research confirms that kids who watch less television do better on reading tests. Improve your child's reading by:

- **Limiting the**

time your child watches TV to 10 hours per week.

- **Monitoring TV shows.** Help your child select more educational pro-

grams.

- **Providing** reading material matched to your child's interests.

Source: Elizabeth A. Wilson, *Reading at the Middle and High School Levels*, 1999.

MAY ACTIVITIES

<i>Uniform shirts for sale by the PTSA \$13.50 each / 5 for \$65.00</i>	<i>Every Wednesday 8:00- 9:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Drama Show 7:00-8:30 p.m. Auditorium</i>	<i>05/06</i>
<i>Principal's Honor Roll 2:00-3:00 p.m. Media Center</i>	<i>05/11</i>
<i>6th Grade Orientation Night 6:30- 8:00 p.m. Auditorium</i>	<i>05/12</i>
<i>PTSA meeting 7:00 p.m. Media Center</i>	<i>05/20</i>
<i>Title I Parent Meeting 9:00 a.m. Media Center</i>	<i>05/21</i>
<i>8th Grade Dinner Dance 8:00-11:30 p.m.</i>	<i>05/22</i>
<i>Memorial Day No School</i>	<i>05/25</i>
<i>8th Grade Awards 6:30-8:30 p.m. Auditorium</i>	<i>05/28</i>