

Your Child's Week

A strip of the seven days and everyday pictures, to answer "when is it?" with something other than words.

3-6 years

Sense of Time

2 sheets

Hang at your child's eye level

What your child practices

Before age six, tomorrow and next week look alike. Seeing the whole week, Monday through Sunday, gives time a shape your child can look at and touch. They move the picture of the day themselves and see what comes next, without having to remember it.

Prepare the material

1. Print the day strip and the picture sheet.
2. Glue the strip onto cardboard, then hang it at your child's eye level, not yours.
3. Cut out the pictures and store them in a pocket hung next to it.

Show once, then step back

1. In the morning, name the day and place a finger on it.
2. Choose the picture of what's planned together with your child, and place it in the day's box.
3. The next day, take away yesterday's picture together before placing a new one.
4. Saturday and Sunday are a different color: they stand out without any explanation.

The built-in control of error. The strip reads top to bottom, always in the same order. If your child places a picture on the wrong day, they notice it the next day, when the announced day doesn't match what's really happening.

Once your child feels confident

- Add a picture your child has drawn for an event that matters to them.
- Ask the day before what's planned for tomorrow, and check together on the strip.
- Count how many days are left until an event, moving a finger box by box.

Safety. Nothing gets checked off and nothing gets noted on this strip. It is not a chore chart or a reward tool: it is a marker of time. A child who didn't do what was planned should read no blame into it.

The week strip, cut out in one piece, then glued onto cardboard.

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

The everyday pictures, to cut out and place in the day's box. Nothing gets checked off: you just say what's planned, that's all.

 morning	 evening	 mealtime
 home	 outing	 bath time
 story time	 playtime	