

Daily Learning Planner

*Ideas families can use to help children
do well in school*

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Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Families Can Use to Help Children Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

- ☐ 1. Ask your child to design an advertisement for a favorite school subject.
- ☐ 2. Give every letter of the alphabet a monetary value. A = 1¢, B = 2¢, etc. Who can write down the most valuable word?
- ☐ 3. Take turns with your child being an artist and a model. The model poses while the artist draws a portrait. Then, switch roles.
- ☐ 4. Find a new way to say "I love you" to your child—such as in sign language or in secret code.
- ☐ 5. At dinner, use flash cards to quiz everyone on math facts.
- ☐ 6. Have a family Geography Challenge. Name a state, province or country. Who can call out the capital first?
- ☐ 7. Talk with your child about *perseverance*. Point out examples of people who demonstrate this quality.
- ☐ 8. Suggest sorting your child's books by subject. Your child can use the library's system or invent a new one.
- ☐ 9. Set aside some time to spend one on one with your child today.
- ☐ 10. Watch the news with your child. Choose a Person of the Week. Read more about that person.
- ☐ 11. Set aside 15 minutes for writing with your child.
- ☐ 12. Have your child draw on paper with a white crayon or candle. The picture will appear when your child paints over it with watercolors.
- ☐ 13. Pause while reading aloud to your child to ask, "What do you think will happen next?"
- ☐ 14. Encourage your child to take positive risks that don't affect safety, like trying a new food, for example.
- ☐ 15. Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about the Earth.
- ☐ 16. As a family, visit a nearby park or running trail. Everyone run like the March wind!
- ☐ 17. Help your child break down large tasks into smaller parts.
- ☐ 18. Look for a community service project to participate in with your child.
- ☐ 19. Play a game of tic-tac-toe with your child.
- ☐ 20. Read a story to your child. Later, ask your student to retell it to you from memory.
- ☐ 21. Get organized! Brainstorm with your child about ways to reduce clutter at home.
- ☐ 22. At dinner, talk about what family members are doing to achieve their goals. Celebrate everyone's successes.
- ☐ 23. Take a walk with your child after dark. Try to identify constellations.
- ☐ 24. Learn how to fold origami animals with your child.
- ☐ 25. Look in the newspaper or online for a list of things to do in your area. Which ones appeal to your child? Plan to do a few together.
- ☐ 26. List animals your child loves. Ask, "If you could have any animal as a pet, which would it be? Why?"
- ☐ 27. Clip or print an interesting news story. Cut the paragraphs apart. Ask your child to read them and put them in order.
- ☐ 28. Share a fun fact about a topic your child loves.
- ☐ 29. Play some upbeat music while your family does chores today.
- ☐ 30. Fly a kite with your child.
- ☐ 31. Fill glasses with different amounts of water. Have your child tap them with a metal spoon and listen to the tones.