

Daily Learning Planner

*Ideas families can use to help children
prepare for school*

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

- 1. Give your child a bucket of water and a paint brush to use to “paint” letters on the sidewalk.
- 2. Ask your child questions about daily life. “Where do we hang up clothes? Where do we keep the food?”
- 3. Have family members take turns saying at least two things they each like about themselves and why.
- 4. Play the Last Word game. Say, “A fire is hot, but ice is ____.” Have your child fill in the last word.
- 5. Balance each critical thing you say to your child with 10 positive things.
- 6. Listen to an audiobook with your child. Many public libraries have children’s books you can download for free.
- 7. Help your child turn a large cardboard box into a pretend car.
- 8. Ask your child to name each of the five senses and what people use them for.
- 9. Hide something and clap to help your child find it. As she gets closer to the object, clap faster.
- 10. Eat outside tonight! Let your child choose at least one menu item.
- 11. Help your child practice sorting with a deck of cards. Sort by color, suit or number.
- 12. Have a family reading night. Get cozy and read books aloud.
- 13. Ask how many different ways your child can move his arms and legs.
- 14. Have your child complete the sentence: “If I had a wish, it would be ...”
- 15. Ask your child to draw a picture of the activity she liked best today.
- 16. Model the many reasons to read for your child: for information, for fun, to pass time while waiting, etc.
- 17. Ask for your child’s help with a chore. After you work, have a cool drink.
- 18. Talk about right and wrong ways to express anger. Right: saying, “I’m angry.” Wrong: hitting someone.
- 19. Let your child draw on white paper with a white candle. The picture will magically appear when your child paints over it.
- 20. Make bubble solution with 1/8 cup of dishwashing liquid and one cup water. Use a slotted spoon to blow bubbles!
- 21. Have your child guess how far each of you can throw a ball. Help him measure to see if he was right.
- 22. Start a positive habit for school. Help your child choose and lay out clothes for the next day in the evening.
- 23. Bowl with your child using empty paper towel tubes as bowling pins.
- 24. Help your child make a summer scrapbook. Staple paper together. Let your child paste in photos, drawings, etc.
- 25. Show your child a detailed picture. Ask her to tell you what she sees.
- 26. Find a kid-friendly recipe. Help your child make that dish today.
- 27. Help your child find the letters of his name in newspaper headlines.
- 28. Have your child put an ice cube outside in the sun. What happens after five minutes? After 10?
- 29. Tell your child that you love spending time together.
- 30. When you are setting the table, add something that shouldn’t be there. Ask your child what doesn’t belong.
- 31. Talk with your child about things to expect as summer changes to fall: cooler weather, autumn colors, etc.