

Daily Learning Planner

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

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

- ☐ 1. Ask your child: "If you had a magic wand, what would you change about the world?"
- ☐ 2. With your child, keep a record of the phases of the moon this month. Look for the moon every night and draw what it looks like.
- ☐ 3. Ask your child how the sun helps us. *Feeds plants, keeps us warm.* Can it harm us? *Sunburn.*
- ☐ 4. Have your child use each letter in her name to begin a line of a poem.
- ☐ 5. Ask your child to teach you something he's learning in school.
- ☐ 6. Have a family Geography Challenge. Name a state, province or country. Who can call out its capital first?
- ☐ 7. Make up a simple question. Ask your child to answer with a sentence that rhymes.
- ☐ 8. Start a family library. Let your child choose her own shelf for books.
- ☐ 9. Encourage your child to sort his books by subject. He can use the public library's system or invent his own.
- ☐ 10. Create a family joke book. Write one or two jokes per page. Staple the pages together.
- ☐ 11. Start a small change collection in a jar. Brainstorm together about how to use the money when the jar is full.
- ☐ 12. Ask your child to complete sentences like, "Something I would like to learn is ..." or "Something I'm getting better at is ..."
- ☐ 13. Use math to give your child instructions. For example, ask her to put $3 + 2 + 1$ napkins on the table.
- ☐ 14. Set aside some time to spend one-on-one with your child today.
- ☐ 15. Ask your child to write down the items you need before you go to the grocery store.
- ☐ 16. Have each family member set a weekly goal. Write them down.
- ☐ 17. Challenge your child to make up a song about his day.
- ☐ 18. Rearrange the letters in a word in alphabetical order. Can your child figure out the word?
- ☐ 19. Get moving with your child. Skip around the house instead of walking.
- ☐ 20. Let your child help you make a family chore chart.
- ☐ 21. Have each member of your family make a "me" paper bag puppet. Let the puppets discuss good things about one another.
- ☐ 22. Talk about how family members are achieving their weekly goals.
- ☐ 23. Ask your child to read you the directions for a recipe.
- ☐ 24. Learn to fold some origami animals with your child.
- ☐ 25. Have your child write directions for making her favorite sandwich, then follow them together.
- ☐ 26. Use a balloon to play indoor volleyball with your child.
- ☐ 27. Count the days until a special event. Make a paper chain with that number of links. Let your child remove one link each day.
- ☐ 28. Take an evening walk with your child. How many stars can you see?
- ☐ 29. Talk about tricky pairs of letters. Help your child distinguish between *w* and *m*, *n* and *u*, *b* and *d*, *i* and *l*.
- ☐ 30. At bedtime, ask your child about the best parts of his day.
- ☐ 31. Play a game of tic-tac-toe with your child.

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