

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. Sing a familiar song and leave out some words. Can your child tell you which words you left out?
- ☐ 2. At bedtime, talk with your child about things that went well today.
- ☐ 3. Look at the clouds together. Make up stories about the shapes you see.
- ☐ 4. Talk about the word *independence* with your child today. What does it mean?
- ☐ 5. Give your child a magnet. Have your student test which things in your house are magnetic. What do they have in common?
- ☐ 6. Put an ice cube outside in the sun and ask your child to observe it. What happens after five minutes? After 10?
- ☐ 7. Books that win the Caldecott Medal have great illustrations. Help your child find one at the library.
- ☐ 8. Tell your child a story that teaches an important lesson.
- ☐ 9. Look through a news article for interesting words. Help your child look them up in a dictionary.
- ☐ 10. Create silly masks together. Have your child decorate a paper plate. Cut holes for your elementary schooler's eyes and mouth.
- ☐ 11. Read *The Little Engine That Could*. Talk about the importance of continuing to try when things are challenging.
- ☐ 12. Help your child interview people working in career fields that seem interesting. What is a typical day like?
- ☐ 13. Tie a string between two chairs. Use a balloon to play indoor volleyball with your child.
- ☐ 14. Go outside and help your child observe an animal. What does it eat? Where does it live?
- ☐ 15. Read a fairy tale together. Ask your child to create a new ending.
- ☐ 16. Ask a question that requires your child to use math to answer: "How many eight-slice pizzas would it take to feed 32 people?"
- ☐ 17. Make the most of time in the car together by listening to audiobooks.
- ☐ 18. Ask your child, "What have you done recently that you are proud of?"
- ☐ 19. Is your child turning into a couch potato? Limit screen time and encourage outdoor play.
- ☐ 20. Will your child need a physical exam for school this fall? If so, make an appointment now.
- ☐ 21. With your child, walk as fast as you can around your block. Time yourselves. Try to improve your time!
- ☐ 22. Tuck your child in early tonight to allow time for reading in bed.
- ☐ 23. Send your child something through the mail.
- ☐ 24. Talk to your child about something you've learned recently.
- ☐ 25. Can you and your child name a fruit or vegetable that starts with every letter of the alphabet? You can leave out X.
- ☐ 26. Give your child a gift certificate for one special activity with you.
- ☐ 27. Discuss different times of year. Which is your child's favorite? Why?
- ☐ 28. Help your child write a family newsletter by interviewing family members and writing up the news.
- ☐ 29. Teach your child how to disagree respectfully.
- ☐ 30. Help your child check out back-to-school sales ads and look for the best buys.
- ☐ 31. Have your child create a flag for your family.