

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. Have family members set some summer goals. List books you want to read and things you want to do.
- 2. Look at a photo in a news article with your child. Talk about it. Then read the article together.
- 3. Practice math skills with real-life problems. If a toy costs \$9.99, how much change will your child get back from a \$20 bill?
- 4. Most libraries have summer reading programs for kids—in person and online. Sign your child up today.
- 5. Encourage your child to start a “Something I Learned Today” journal and write it in all summer.
- 6. When your child has a problem, offer two possible solutions. Let your child decide which one to choose.
- 7. Have your child help you put a first-aid kit together (or restock the one you have). Review basic first aid.
- 8. Make a list of 10 things your child learned in school this year. Post it on the refrigerator.
- 9. Have your child find items outside that are *smooth, shiny, flexible* or *round*.
- 10. Ask, “If you were an animal, which animal would you be and why?”
- 11. Which way is the wind blowing? Help your child hang a strand of yarn from a tree to find out.
- 12. Teach financial responsibility. Help your child learn about budgeting and saving as well as spending.
- 13. Make a graph together of the types of pets in your neighborhood.
- 14. Fill glasses with different amounts of water. Have your child tap them and listen to the different tones.
- 15. Help your child plan three healthy breakfasts.
- 16. Have your child put an ice cube outside in the sun. What happens after five minutes? After 10?
- 17. Prepare a fruit salad for dessert. When shopping for ingredients, choose one fruit your child has never tasted.
- 18. Make an “I’m Bored” box with your child. Fill it with craft activities and things to read.
- 19. Have your child use a measuring tape to measure objects in your home.
- 20. Talk about a familiar place with your child. Is it *north, south, east* or *west* of your home?
- 21. Have your child make a poster with some summer safety tips.
- 22. Ask your child to give you examples of a complete sentence, an incomplete sentence and a run-on sentence.
- 23. Let your child dissolve salt in a glass of water. Watch for a few days. What happens?
- 24. Eat outside tonight! Have your child choose at least one menu item.
- 25. Take an imaginary space trip with your child. What would your spaceship look like? Which planets would you visit?
- 26. Play a screen-free game with your child today.
- 27. See how many places in your home (not including books) your child can find words to read.
- 28. Look in a newspaper for interesting words. Help your child look up their meanings in the dictionary or online.
- 29. Cover a leaf (vein side up) with paper. Have your child rub with a crayon.
- 30. Review a few math facts with your child each day, all summer long.