

Daily Learning Planner

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

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

- 1. As you drive, talk about traffic safety with your teen.
- 2. Ask your teen to report on a news item from today's paper at dinner.
- 3. Plan a garden together. Have your teen research what type of plants will thrive in your climate and choose which ones to plant.
- 4. Teens still need routines during the summer. Talk together about how your teen plans to structure time.
- 5. Make a copy of a crossword puzzle and race your teen to see who can complete it first.
- 6. Decide on some educational goals each family member can pursue this summer.
- 7. Ask your teen to check out two copies of a library book so that you can read and discuss it together.
- 8. Have your teen figure out the average height of family members, in both inches and centimeters.
- 9. Laugh with your teen about a mistake you made that seemed serious at the time, but doesn't now.
- 10. Tell your teen to keep a notebook handy when reading to jot down unknown words and look them up later.
- 11. Visit a farmer's market with your teen. Enjoy some fresh fruits and vegetables.
- 12. Ask your teen, "Are there any questions you would like to ask me?"
- 13. Have your teen pick three places within driving distance that would be interesting to visit. Make plans to do so.
- 14. Look for a volunteer activity you can do as a family.
- 15. Ask your teen, "Would you rather watch an adventure on TV or live one yourself? Why?"
- 16. Avoid giving in to your teen's repeated demands once you have made a decision about something.
- 17. Discuss negative peer pressure. Does your teen feel it? How does your teen deal with it?
- 18. Work on a hobby with your teen.
- 19. Bake cookies with your teen. If you're doubling a recipe, have your teen do the math.
- 20. Mention something you learned recently. This shows your teen that education never ends.
- 21. Think about your experience as a student. It can help you relate to your teen.
- 22. Discuss the importance of laws with your teen. What if there were none? What if they were ignored?
- 23. Put your teen in charge of a family savings plan for something special.
- 24. Make an appointment with your teen to do something fun together. Write it on your calendar.
- 25. When you talk with your teen, who does most of the talking? It's important to give teens chances to open up.
- 26. Choose a recipe with your teen. Shop for ingredients, cook and enjoy the results together.
- 27. Does your teen have a summer reading list? Encourage an early start.
- 28. Make sure your teen does some kind of exercise every day this summer.
- 29. Encourage your teen to read aloud to you or a sibling.
- 30. Keep a map visible in your home. When you talk about other places in the world, have your teen find them on the map.