

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. Make a 31-link paper chain with your child. Tear off a link each day to count down the days until January 1.
- 2. Set aside time today to work on a project with your child. Choose something your student could give as a gift.
- 3. Make a meal together. Explain why you do some steps before others.
- 4. Have your child blow bubbles in freezing weather. How does the cold affect them? Look for ice forming on the bubbles.
- 5. Pick a word from the dictionary and draw a picture of it. See if your child can guess the word. Then let your child pick a word.
- 6. Make paper snowflakes with your child. Decorate your windows.
- 7. Have your child use a news source (in print or online) to check weather around the world. Where is it coldest?
- 8. Look for a community service project your family can do together.
- 9. Have your child teach you about something the class is learning. It's a great way to reinforce learning.
- 10. Talk to your child about holiday traditions in other cultures. Find a book about holidays to read together.
- 11. Give your child a flashlight to use to read in bed tonight.
- 12. Pick a word and challenge your child to put its letters in alphabetical order.
- 13. Find pictures of people in various situations. Ask your child to write captions.
- 14. Have your child compare the prices of two sizes of the same product at the grocery store. Which is the better buy?
- 15. Take a walk with your child and look at trees. Which trees are evergreen? Which ones are *deciduous* (lose their leaves in winter)?
- 16. Talk to your child about the importance of thanking people for gifts and kindnesses.
- 17. Set aside some time this month to do something seasonal together that you enjoyed when you were a child.
- 18. Watch the news on TV with your child. Choose one story and compare it with a print news article about the same event.
- 19. Review spelling or vocabulary words with your child tonight.
- 20. Have your child predict the results of flipping a coin 10 times. Then try it. Was your child's prediction close?
- 21. Talk with your child about the link between rights and responsibilities.
- 22. Have your child listen to different types of music and describe the feelings each one inspires.
- 23. Have your child make a list of things to do when there's nothing to do.
- 24. Read a story to your child and use a different voice for each character.
- 25. Hum a popular song and see if your child can guess its name.
- 26. With your child, estimate how many bowls of cereal you can pour from one box. Keep track until the box is empty.
- 27. Look for a show or video about history and historical figures. Watch with your child.
- 28. Challenge your child to do a secret good deed for a friend or neighbor.
- 29. Make a puzzle with your child. Glue a picture onto cardboard. Cut it into puzzle-piece shapes.
- 30. Have your child write directions for making a sandwich, then follow them exactly. How does it turn out?
- 31. Help your child create a time line of 2022.