

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 school project kit with your child. This can prevent last-minute shopping trips for supplies.
- 2. Look for a book to read together that describes holidays around the world. Choose a new holiday to observe, or invent one.
- 3. Ask your child, "Who is the nicest person you know?"
- 4. Resist the urge to schedule every minute for your child. Kids need some downtime to think, imagine and play.
- 5. Challenge your child to determine the direction of the wind by watching things blow.
- 6. Talk with your child about mistakes. How can people learn from their mistakes?
- 7. Help your elementary schooler make a list of items in a category, such as *vegetables*. Then have your child put them in alphabetical order.
- 8. When you watch shows together, ask your child questions: "Was what that person did a good idea?" "What would you have done?"
- 9. At the store, challenge your child to use a calculator to keep a running total of purchases.
- 10. Have a music-sharing night. Share your favorite music with each other. Talk about how it makes you feel.
- 11. Have your child tap on one cheek with two fingers while making different mouth shapes to get different sounds.
- 12. Think of trivia questions about your family. Quiz one another at the dinner table tonight.
- 13. Make a jigsaw puzzle with your child. Glue a picture onto cardboard. Cut it into puzzle pieces.
- 14. Take turns reading aloud with your child.
- 15. Show your child pictures of three different people doing different things. Ask your child to make up a story about each person.
- 16. At dinner, have each family member say something nice about every person at the table.
- 17. Make sock puppets with your child and put on a puppet show.
- 18. Ask your child, "If you were the mayor, what three things would you do to make our community a better place?"
- 19. Look for volunteer opportunities for families. Let your child choose what you'll do.
- 20. Write an encouraging note to your child.
- 21. At the grocery store, ask your child to estimate how much certain foods weigh, then weigh them to find out.
- 22. Help your child make a personal dictionary with spelling or vocabulary words.
- 23. Make a list of all the things that make your family members thankful.
- 24. Ask your child, "What do you think is the best job in the whole world?"
- 25. Let your child quiz you about topics the class is learning in school.
- 26. Create a word search by hiding words in a grid and surrounding them with random letters. Let your child find the words.
- 27. Ask your child to help you plan a fun activity.
- 28. If your child could be any famous person from history, who would it be? Why?
- 29. Role-play a situation with your child, such as how to handle peer pressure to cheat.
- 30. It's the birthday of Mark Twain. Read a Twain short story together.