

# 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. Pop some popcorn and play a board game with your child.
- 2. Will your child need a physical exam for school this fall? If so, make an appointment now.
- 3. Have your child identify a plant or animal outside and learn as much as possible about it.
- 4. Talk about the word *independence* with your child today. What does it mean?
- 5. Help your child make an "I'm bored" box. Fill it with craft activities and things to read.
- 6. Review math facts tonight. Encourage your child to make and use flash cards so math skills won't slip over the summer.
- 7. Tonight, allow a few minutes after the light is off for quiet conversation with your child.
- 8. Save the seeds from a fruit your child eats. Have your child plant them in a paper cup, water them and see if they grow.
- 9. Have your child practice counting to 10 in a foreign language.
- 10. Use a cotton swab dipped in lemon juice to write a message. Have your child hold the paper up to a light bulb to read it.
- 11. Give your child a book or article to read about a favorite hobby.
- 12. Is your child turning into a summer couch potato? Limit screen activities and encourage outdoor play.
- 13. Teach your child to disagree respectfully.
- 14. Make a paper crown and let your child play Ruler For a Day. What rules will your child set?
- 15. Hide an object and give your child clues to find it.
- 16. As a family, brainstorm ways you could beautify your neighborhood.
- 17. Challenge your child to draw a map of your town with chalk on the sidewalk or driveway.
- 18. Help your child make a fruit salad. Include at least one new or unfamiliar fruit.
- 19. Plan an indoor "campout" with your child.
- 20. Start a list of places your family would like to visit. Help your child research these places online.
- 21. Make paper frames for your child's recent artwork and create a gallery.
- 22. Laugh together! Tell your child a joke, read a funny story or poem, sing a silly song or draw a cartoon.
- 23. Practice making decisions as a family.
- 24. Teach a new card game to your child. Play it with the whole family tonight.
- 25. Choose a new recipe. Have fun making it with your child.
- 26. Challenge your child to draw an upside-down picture.
- 27. Ask your child a silly math question: "How many hours until this time next week?"
- 28. Go for a walk or bike ride today. Challenge each other to spot something you haven't seen before.
- 29. Try a new sport with your child.
- 30. Find out what school supplies your child will need.
- 31. Have your child select 10 words off the side of a cereal box. Each of you write a story using those words. Compare tales.