

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. Collect interesting containers, packing materials, yarn, glitter, etc. Save the supplies for rainy day art sessions.
2. Have a jump rope contest today. See how many jumps your child can do in a row.
3. At dinner, price each dish. Can your child add up the cost of the meal?
4. After your child completes a nonfiction reading assignment, ask to hear about it in your student's own words.
5. Pretend to go back in time. Have your child pick a historic event, then reenact it together.
6. Make your child laugh! Tell a joke, read a funny story or poem, sing a silly song or draw a cartoon.
7. Ask your child to think of an animal that starts with each letter of the alphabet (skip the letter X).
8. Play a game of charades with your child. Use hand gestures and motions to describe your word.
9. Turn off the screens this evening! Read or play games instead.
10. Have your child write a poem or story from the point of view of a family pet.
11. Play Alphabet Mixup. Choose a word and rearrange the letters in alphabetical order. Can your child figure out the word?
12. Hum a song and see if your child can guess its name.
13. Help your child organize books by subject, title or author.
14. When your child is unsuccessful, ask, "How could you do it differently next time?"
15. Take a fraction walk with your child. Write down what you see: $\frac{3}{6}$ of cars are blue, $\frac{4}{5}$ of houses have a gray roof.
16. Let your child plan dinner tonight. How many food groups can your elementary schooler include?
17. Put on music and spend 15 minutes drawing or writing together. Let the music be your inspiration.
18. Invent a word with your child. Write a definition as it would appear in the dictionary.
19. Cut an apple in half. Let your child dip the cut edge in paint and press it on paper to make fruit prints.
20. Help your child find ways to pursue interests in greater depth.
21. Hold a family meeting. Establish some goals as a family.
22. Ask your child to guess how many times you blink in a minute. Then, let your child observe you and check!
23. Put together a "kitchen band." How many kitchen objects can your child use to make music?
24. Have your child draw a picture. Next, ask your elementary schooler to make up a story about it and tell it to somebody.
25. Plan an imaginary vacation with your child.
26. Talk together about something your child has done well today.
27. Bake bread with your child. Biscuits are simple to prepare.
28. At dinner, have each family member say something they appreciate about every person at the table.
29. Make up a secret code with your child. Use it to write notes this week.
30. Experiment by holding your noses while eating a snack. Ask your child, "Does it change the taste of the food?"