

Daily Learning Planner

*Ideas parents can use to help children
do well in school*

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

- 1. Test your child's observation skills. Can she describe someone who just passed her on the street?
- 2. Sponsor a summer-long family contest. Who can read the most books?
- 3. Ask your local fire station when you can bring your child for a tour.
- 4. Talk about the word *independence* with your child. What does it mean?
- 5. Have your child write a poem about his favorite thing to do.
- 6. Watch or read the weather forecast together today. Help your child locate the hottest and the coolest locations on a map.
- 7. Tell your child a fun fact about something she loves.
- 8. Save the seeds from a fruit you've eaten. Have your child plant them in a paper cup on the windowsill. Water them and see if they grow.
- 9. Give your child some objects to organize.
- 10. Set up a well-lit corner with pillows and favorite books. Encourage your child to get cozy and read.
- 11. Pick a category, such as *toys*. Then pick a letter, such as *b*. Take turns naming items from the category that begin with that letter.
- 12. Tonight, take a walk with your child. See how many stars you can see.
- 13. Watch the news with your child. Choose a story and compare it with a newspaper article on the same subject.
- 14. Will your child need a physical exam for school this fall? If so, make an appointment now.
- 15. Write down questions your child asks that you can't answer. Keep a list of questions to look up at the library.
- 16. As a family, brainstorm ways to help beautify your neighborhood.
- 17. Have your child name a country. Together, use an atlas or go online to figure out what time it is there.
- 18. Plan a Screen-Free Night. Read, play games or listen to music instead.
- 19. Start a list of places your family would like to visit. Have your child research information about these places.
- 20. Have an indoor picnic dinner. Spread a blanket on the floor and play music. Let your child help choose the menu.
- 21. Let your child use a piece of chalk to write math facts on the sidewalk.
- 22. Visit your library. Help your child find a book in a series to read. Ask the librarian for suggestions.
- 23. Is your child behaving well and cooperating? Say how proud you are!
- 24. Teach your child a new card game.
- 25. Ask your child to listen for a certain word as you read. Have him repeat it when he hears it.
- 26. Have your child draw an upside-down picture today.
- 27. Ask your child to help you plan an activity.
- 28. Help your child make a fruit salad. Include at least one new or unfamiliar fruit.
- 29. At the grocery store, have your child compare two sizes of the same product. Which is the better buy?
- 30. Have your child put an ice cube outside in the sun. What happens after five minutes? After 10?
- 31. Make a list of items for your child to find outside (a piece of bark, a white pebble, etc.).

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