

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. Let your child see you reading for pleasure.
- 2. Have a jump rope contest today. See how many jumps your child can do in a row.
- 3. Set aside some time today to work on a hobby with your child.
- 4. Read a textbook assignment with your child. Then ask her to tell you about it in her own words.
- 5. Is your child behaving well? Be sure to say how proud this makes you.
- 6. Make your child laugh! Tell a joke, read a funny story or poem, sing a silly song or draw a cartoon.
- 7. Give your child a calendar. Teach him to write down assignments, tests dates and school activities.
- 8. Play a game of charades with your child. Use hand gestures and motions to convey words and phrases.
- 9. Help your child figure out the average time she spends reading per day.
- 10. Take a fraction walk with your child and write down what you see: $\frac{3}{7}$ of the cars on your block are blue, $\frac{4}{5}$ of the houses have a gray roof.
- 11. Start a kitchen band. Use spoons, pans and lids for instruments. March around the house together.
- 12. Talk with your child about important events in the news.
- 13. Make up new compound words for familiar things. Perhaps your cat is a *purrcuddler*.
- 14. When your child is unsuccessful at something, ask, "How could you do it differently next time?"
- 15. Listen to music without lyrics. What does it make your child think of?
- 16. Let your child plan dinner. How many food groups can he include?
- 17. Help your child make a list of things, such as colors. Then have her put them in alphabetical order.
- 18. Have your child teach you something he needs to learn for homework. It's a great way to reinforce learning.
- 19. Play tic-tac-toe with your child.
- 20. Look over your child's homework. Give specific compliments and helpful criticism.
- 21. Encourage your child to write a thank-you note to someone who has helped her.
- 22. Talk to your child about peer pressure. Role-play ways to say *no* to things he knows are wrong.
- 23. Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about oceans.
- 24. Ask your child to write a story from the point of view of a pet.
- 25. Look for ways to volunteer as a family. Ask your child to help decide what to do.
- 26. Challenge your child to determine the direction of the wind by using a wet finger or by watching things blow.
- 27. Ask your child to tell *you* a bedtime story tonight.
- 28. At dinner, have everyone compliment each person at the table.
- 29. Display your child's best schoolwork. Change the display often.
- 30. Help your child use the internet to research events that occurred on the day she was born.

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