

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. Consider giving your child an allowance. Help her create a budget that includes spending, saving and donating.
- 2. Have your child help you make a family chore chart. Everyone can check off jobs as they are finished.
- 3. Encourage your child to write a letter to a lawmaker about an issue that matters to him.
- 4. Play Alphabet Mixup. Choose a word and put the letters in alphabetical order. Can your child figure out the word?
- 5. Find pictures of people in the newspaper. Ask your child to make up a story about each picture.
- 6. Talk about a familiar place with your child. Decide which direction it is from your home—north, south, east or west.
- 7. Come up with unique pizza toppings with your child. Who can think up the tastiest combination?
- 8. Have your child choose a news story and report on it at dinner.
- 9. Plan a later bedtime so everyone can read in bed tonight.
- 10. Remind your child that you enjoy her company and you love her.
- 11. Give your child ads with prices ending in 98 or 99 cents. How much would four of the items cost? Have him round off and estimate.
- 12. Read a poem aloud. Stop to let your child guess what the next rhyming word will be.
- 13. Write an encouraging note and tuck it in your child's jacket pocket or a school book.
- 14. Let your child see you reading. Then say, "Reading is so much fun!"
- 15. At dinner, pretend your family is in an opera. Sing everything you say to one another.
- 16. With your child, set a timer for five minutes. Then, each of you start writing a story. When the timer rings, switch stories and finish them.
- 17. Pay your child a sincere, specific compliment.
- 18. Review math facts with your child.
- 19. Give your child a book or article to read about her favorite hobby.
- 20. Ask your child to design and name a new car.
- 21. At dinner, have family members share their favorite part of the day.
- 22. Talk with your child about the importance of telling an adult when a person is being bullied.
- 23. Help your child put on a talent show with his friends.
- 24. Ask your child to write to a friend or relative today.
- 25. Encourage your child to start a collection. Provide a place to keep it.
- 26. Have your child draw a picture of a scene from a book by a living author. Send it to the author in care of the book's publisher.
- 27. Together, think of several words that start with the same letter. Put them in a sentence that makes sense.
- 28. Encourage your child to take risks as long as they don't affect safety.
- 29. With your child, think of words that sound like what they mean, such as *buzz*, *smash*, *hiss* and *thump*. These are examples of *onomatopoeia*.
- 30. Visit the library. Help your child find a book about a famous woman.
- 31. How many words can your child think of to describe today's weather?

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