

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. Ask your child to design an advertisement for a favorite school subject.
- 2. Give every letter of the alphabet a monetary value. A = 1¢, B = 2¢, etc. Who can write down the most valuable word?
- 3. Take turns with your child being an artist and a model. The model poses while the artist draws a portrait. Then, switch roles.
- 4. Find a new way to say “I love you” to your child—such as in sign language or in secret code.
- 5. At dinner, use flash cards to quiz everyone on math facts.
- 6. Have a family Geography Challenge. Name a state, province or country. Who can call out the capital first?
- 7. Talk with your child about *perseverance*. Point out examples of people who demonstrate this quality.
- 8. Suggest sorting your child’s books by subject. Your child can use the library’s system or invent a new one.
- 9. Set aside some time to spend one on one with your child today.
- 10. Watch the news with your child. Choose a Person of the Week. Read more about that person.
- 11. Set aside 15 minutes for writing with your child.
- 12. Have your child draw on paper with a white crayon or candle. The picture will appear when your child paints over it with watercolors.
- 13. Pause while reading aloud to your child to ask, “What do you think will happen next?”
- 14. Encourage your child to take positive risks that don’t affect safety, like trying a new food, for example.
- 15. Visit the library. Help your child check out a book about the Earth.
- 16. As a family, visit a nearby park or running trail. Everyone run like the March wind!
- 17. Help your child break down large tasks into smaller parts.
- 18. Look for a community service project to participate in with your child.
- 19. Play a game of tic-tac-toe with your child.
- 20. Read a story to your child. Later, ask your student to retell it to you from memory.
- 21. Get organized! Brainstorm with your child about ways to reduce clutter at home.
- 22. At dinner, talk about what family members are doing to achieve their goals. Celebrate everyone’s successes.
- 23. Take a walk with your child after dark. Try to identify constellations.
- 24. Learn how to fold origami animals with your child.
- 25. Look in the newspaper or online for a list of things to do in your area. Which ones appeal to your child? Plan to do a few together.
- 26. List animals your child loves. Ask, “If you could have any animal as a pet, which would it be? Why?”
- 27. Clip or print an interesting news story. Cut the paragraphs apart. Ask your child to read them and put them in order.
- 28. Share a fun fact about a topic your child loves.
- 29. Play some upbeat music while your family does chores today.
- 30. Fly a kite with your child.
- 31. Fill glasses with different amounts of water. Have your child tap them with a metal spoon and listen to the tones.