

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 write a poem or story about a favorite activity.
- ☐ 2. Use a permanent marker to mark off inches on the side of a straight-sided jar. Set the jar outside. See how many inches of rain fall this week.
- ☐ 3. Talk together about books you loved when you were your child's age.
- ☐ 4. Have your child rank assignments from easiest to hardest. Suggest tackling the hardest one first.
- ☐ 5. Have a family rhyming dinner. Invent rhyming names for the foods you serve.
- ☐ 6. Ask your child to draw a picture of something that happened in school today. Then talk about it.
- ☐ 7. Go on a map search through a printed or online newspaper. How many maps can your child find?
- ☐ 8. Have everyone in the family spend a half hour picking up the house. Many hands make light work.
- ☐ 9. Change chairs at mealtime. Each person pretend to be the person who usually sits in that chair.
- ☐ 10. It's National Poetry Month. Read three poems with your child today.
- ☐ 11. Time various tasks you and your child do in a day.
- ☐ 12. With your child, learn how to say *please*, *thank you* and *excuse me* in at least three different languages.
- ☐ 13. Look through news articles together. What headlines interest your child? Read an article aloud and discuss it.
- ☐ 14. Have a Geography Challenge. Name a state, province or country. Who can call out the capital first?
- ☐ 15. Brainstorm ways your family could help beautify your neighborhood.
- ☐ 16. Encourage your child to set a weekly goal. Write it down. Could you do this, too?
- ☐ 17. Have your child draw an upside-down picture today.
- ☐ 18. Sing your child's favorite song together.
- ☐ 19. Avoid a power struggle by challenging your child to come up with a solution that works for you both.
- ☐ 20. Set aside time every day for reading aloud. Sometimes, ask your child to read to you.
- ☐ 21. Ask your child, "What is something you have done in your life that makes you proud?"
- ☐ 22. Have your child make a list of items your family can reuse, repurpose or recycle.
- ☐ 23. Model positive work habits for your child, such as promptness, respect and responsibility.
- ☐ 24. Look over your child's schoolwork. Give specific compliments first, and then constructive criticism.
- ☐ 25. Ask your child to give you a tour of the school website.
- ☐ 26. Encourage your child to look up unfamiliar words in assignments in a dictionary.
- ☐ 27. Ask your child to listen for a certain word as you read and say it aloud on hearing it.
- ☐ 28. Take a walk with your child tonight. See how many stars you can see.
- ☐ 29. Visit the library with the whole family and be sure everyone checks out some books.
- ☐ 30. Plan to get some outdoor exercise with your child every day this week.