

# 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.