

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!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1. Ask your child: "If you had a magic wand, what would you change about the world?" <input type="checkbox"/> 2. With your child, keep a record of the phases of the moon this month. Look for the moon every night and draw what it looks like. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Ask your child how the sun helps us. <i>Feeds plants, keeps us warm.</i> Can it harm us? <i>Sunburn.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Have your child use each letter in her name to begin a line of a poem. <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Ask your child to teach you something he's learning in school. <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Have a family Geography Challenge. Name a state, province or country. Who can call out its capital first? <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Make up a simple question. Ask your child to answer with a sentence that rhymes. <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Start a family library. Let your child choose her own shelf for books. <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Encourage your child to sort his books by subject. He can use the public library's system or invent his own. <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Create a family joke book. Write one or two jokes per page. Staple the pages together. <input type="checkbox"/> 11. Start a small change collection in a jar. Brainstorm together about how to use the money when the jar is full. <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Ask your child to complete sentences like, "Something I would like to learn is ..." or "Something I'm getting better at is ..." <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Use math to give your child instructions. For example, ask her to put $3 + 2 + 1$ napkins on the table. <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Set aside some time to spend one-on-one with your child today. <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Ask your child to write down the items you need before you go to the grocery store. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Have each family member set a weekly goal. Write them down. <input type="checkbox"/> 17. Challenge your child to make up a song about his day. <input type="checkbox"/> 18. Rearrange the letters in a word in alphabetical order. Can your child figure out the word? <input type="checkbox"/> 19. Get moving with your child. Skip around the house instead of walking. <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Let your child help you make a family chore chart. <input type="checkbox"/> 21. Have each member of your family make a "me" paper bag puppet. Let the puppets discuss good things about one another. <input type="checkbox"/> 22. Talk about how family members are achieving their weekly goals. <input type="checkbox"/> 23. Ask your child to read you the directions for a recipe. <input type="checkbox"/> 24. Learn to fold some origami animals with your child. <input type="checkbox"/> 25. Have your child write directions for making her favorite sandwich, then follow them together. <input type="checkbox"/> 26. Use a balloon to play indoor volleyball with your child. <input type="checkbox"/> 27. Count the days until a special event. Make a paper chain with that number of links. Let your child remove one link each day. <input type="checkbox"/> 28. Take an evening walk with your child. How many stars can you see? <input type="checkbox"/> 29. Talk about tricky pairs of letters. Help your child distinguish between <i>w</i> and <i>m</i>, <i>n</i> and <i>u</i>, <i>b</i> and <i>d</i>, <i>i</i> and <i>l</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> 30. At bedtime, ask your child about the best parts of his day. <input type="checkbox"/> 31. Play a game of tic-tac-toe with your child. |
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