

Daily Learning Planner

*Ideas parents can use to help students
do well in school*

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Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Parents Can Use to Help Students Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

- 1. At the store, have your child round prices to the nearest dollar.
- 2. Invent a recipe with your child. If it doesn't work, try to fix it.
- 3. Talk with your child about one thing you each learned today.
- 4. Compare your family's values to those of people your child sees on TV. How are they different or alike?
- 5. Teach your child a helpful saying, such as, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."
- 6. Drugs can be deadly the first time kids use them. Talk with your child and give him the facts about drugs.
- 7. Together, learn more about an interesting news story.
- 8. Give your child a magazine article. Have her circle all the adjectives.
- 9. Give your child a math-related household task to do, such as measuring or budgeting.
- 10. Does your child need more responsibility? More time to talk? More privacy? Ask what he thinks.
- 11. Visit the library. Have your child open an encyclopedia to a random entry. Read it together and see what you learn.
- 12. Go on a nature walk with your child. Notice things you have never seen before.
- 13. When correcting your child, focus more on solutions than blame.
- 14. Memorize a poem or quotation with your child today.
- 15. To gain more time with your child, ask her to join you as you do everyday things, like watering plants.
- 16. Ask your child to teach you something, such as a computer skill.
- 17. Encourage your child to read a biography of a person he admires.
- 18. Serve your child breakfast in bed as a special treat.
- 19. With your child, learn more about the flag of your state or province. What is represented on it?
- 20. Ask your child to give you examples of a complete sentence, an incomplete sentence and a run-on sentence.
- 21. At breakfast today, discuss what you each think the day will be like.
- 22. Make family fitness a priority. Choose at least one day a week to do something active together.
- 23. Give your child a specific compliment today.
- 24. Teach your child how to sew on a button. Self-care develops responsibility.
- 25. Visit a nearby college with your child and have a bite to eat in the snack bar or dining hall.
- 26. Avoid using problems with schoolwork as an excuse to criticize or argue with your child about other issues.
- 27. Ask your child to start a list of places your family would like to visit.
- 28. Tell your child one thing you admire most about her as a student.
- 29. Demonstrate tolerance. Don't judge others by their appearances.
- 30. Let your child invite a friend to stay for a family dinner.
- 31. Have your child make a list of 10 things he learned in school this year. Post it on the refrigerator.

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