

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!

- 1. Get to know your town. Look in the newspaper for local things to do with your child this month.
- 2. Pick a word of the day. Challenge everyone to use it in a sentence. Make this a daily habit.
- 3. Play math facts baseball. Quiz each other. A correct answer is a “base” hit.
- 4. Take turns talking about the *best* and the *worst* parts of your day.
- 5. It’s Fire Prevention Week. Talk to your child about fire safety today.
- 6. How many words can you each make from the letters in OCTOBER?
- 7. When your child brings home schoolwork, focus on what she got right before noting what was wrong.
- 8. Stay up late and read books by flashlight with your child.
- 9. Visit the library with your child and check out a book about birds.
- 10. At the market, let your child pick out an unfamiliar vegetable. Find a recipe and give it a try!
- 11. Ask your child to tell you the most interesting thing he learned today.
- 12. Make leaf rubbings together. Put a leaf, vein side up, on newspaper. Cover it with thin paper and rub with a crayon.
- 13. Pick an interesting article from the newspaper. Ask your child to read it to you while you prepare dinner.
- 14. Have family members make lists of places they’d like to visit. Talk about your lists.
- 15. Tell your child about one of your favorite books. Ask about one of hers.
- 16. Help your child do something nice for someone.
- 17. Keep a book handy for your child to read when you are waiting in line or at the doctor’s office.
- 18. It’s Hunger Awareness Month. Do something with your child to relieve hunger in your town or in the world.
- 19. Teach your child to protect himself by saying *no*, walking away from fights and telling an adult.
- 20. Help your child find out what’s inside a seed. Soak a dry bean overnight. Let her remove the coat and pull the halves apart.
- 21. Share family stories with your child. Ask relatives to share some, too.
- 22. Have your child read to you as you clean up after supper.
- 23. Talk with your child about nutritious food choices.
- 24. Have everyone pitch in for a half-hour “blitz” of house cleaning. It teaches responsibility.
- 25. Go for a fall nature walk as a family.
- 26. Learning is a lifelong activity. Today, plan to learn a new skill with your child.
- 27. It’s Theodore Roosevelt’s birthday. Help your child look up interesting facts about this president and protector of the environment.
- 28. Review math facts with your child tonight.
- 29. Write a nice note to your child and tuck it where he’ll find it.
- 30. Make it a “No TV” night. Read together instead.
- 31. Celebrate National Popcorn Poppin’ Month. Pop some popcorn and curl up with some mystery books.



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