

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. Have your child listen for names of cities, states and towns mentioned on TV. Help him locate them on a map.
- 2. Set aside some time this month to do something together that you enjoyed as a child.
- 3. Ask your child, "Who is the nicest person you know?"
- 4. Have your child read to you as you're cleaning up after supper. Or read to your child as she cleans up!
- 5. Challenge your child to determine the direction of the wind by using his wet finger or by watching things blow.
- 6. It's the birthday of James Naismith, inventor of basketball. Ask your child about her favorite sport.
- 7. Help your child make a list of items in a category, such as vegetables. Then have him put them in alphabetical order.
- 8. Play tic-tac-toe with your child.
- 9. When you shop with your child, challenge her to use a calculator to keep a running total of purchases.
- 10. Make a school project kit with your child. This can prevent last-minute shopping trips for supplies.
- 11. Have your child tap on his cheek while changing the shape of his mouth to get different sounds.
- 12. Volunteer as a family. Let your child pick what to do.
- 13. Make a jigsaw puzzle with your child. Glue a picture onto cardboard. Cut it into puzzle pieces.
- 14. Today is the birthday of Claude Monet, a French artist. Paint a picture with your child.
- 15. Take turns reading aloud with your child.
- 16. Role-play a situation with your child, such as how to handle peer pressure to cheat.
- 17. Make sock puppets with your child and put on a puppet show.
- 18. Plan a reading dinner. Everyone can bring a book to tell about.
- 19. Take a trip on the Internet. Let your child pick a place to learn about.
- 20. Have everyone pitch in for a half-hour of housecleaning. It teaches children responsibility.
- 21. Visit the produce department at the grocery store. Ask your child to guess how much certain foods weigh.
- 22. Have a No TV Night. Read or play games instead.
- 23. Ask your child, "What is the best job in the whole world?"
- 24. Ask family members to bring one item to the dinner table that represents what they are thankful for.
- 25. Let your child quiz you about things she is learning in school.
- 26. In the car, say a number between 1 and 10. Who can spot a license plate with numbers that add up to the number you called out?
- 27. Ask your child to help you plan a fun activity.
- 28. Choose a new fruit for your family to try today.
- 29. Put a map of your state on the wall. Let your child use a highlighter to mark places you have visited.
- 30. Help your child figure out the average time he spends reading per day.



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