

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. Ask your child, "What would you do with a million dollars?"
- 2. Talk with your child about what she does right. List as many things as you can.
- 3. Ask your child to alphabetize his books by authors' last names.
- 4. Clean out closets with your child. Donate extra items to charity.
- 5. Ask your child to read an article to you while you make dinner.
- 6. Help your child set a short-term goal, such as missing fewer spelling words on a test.
- 7. Create a board game with your child. Use poster board, magic markers, index cards, dice and coins for game pieces.
- 8. Today is the birthday of Jules Verne, author of *Around the World in Eighty Days*. Use a globe to help your child plan a "trip" around the world.
- 9. Help your child plan ahead. Talk about next weekend. What needs to be done to prepare for a family activity?
- 10. Ask your child, "What is the one thing you are looking forward to right now?"
- 11. With your child, spend a half hour writing about a special day.
- 12. Take your child out for breakfast, or make a special breakfast at home. Then do something active together.
- 13. Ask your child to create a comic strip of a story she knows.
- 14. Serve red or heart-shaped foods for dinner tonight.
- 15. Let your child pick what to wear and where to do homework today.
- 16. Play a game of charades with your child. Use hand gestures and motions to describe words.
- 17. Ask your child if he knows any bullies. Some kids are embarrassed to admit they're being bullied.
- 18. Talk with your child about how you use numbers at home—for example, when setting an alarm clock or the oven timer.
- 19. Good report card? High grade on a test? Make your achiever "King" or "Queen" for the day.
- 20. Ask your child how she feels today. Talk about different ways to show feelings.
- 21. Talk with your child about what it means to be a good citizen.
- 22. It's George Washington's birthday. How many facts can your child find about this famous president?
- 23. Look in the newspaper for interesting words. Help your child look them up in a dictionary.
- 24. Say something nice to your child today before school, such as "You're fun to be around."
- 25. Let your child clean some dirty pennies with ketchup. Research together why this works.
- 26. Start a family library. Let your child have his own shelf or bookcase for his books.
- 27. Use time in the car to review homework, such as spelling words.
- 28. Have a "Predictions Day." Predict how long it will take to get to the store, fix dinner, etc.



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