

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. Talk about the activities your family enjoyed most during this past year. Make plans to do them again.
- 2. Help your child learn the sign language alphabet. Use it to practice spelling words today.
- 3. Ask your child, "If you could go anywhere, where would you go and why?" Together, learn more about this location.
- 4. Make and send your own family greeting cards.
- 5. Begin telling a story, and when you get to an exciting part, stop. Let your child make up the rest.
- 6. Visit the library. Get a book about holiday traditions around the world.
- 7. Pay your child a compliment today.
- 8. Talk about how your family can do something for others this month.
- 9. Let your child help make dinner.
- 10. Today is Human Rights Day. Talk with your child about rights and responsibilities.
- 11. Plan a "no-TV" day. Let your child choose an alternative activity.
- 12. Make a puzzle with your child. Glue a picture onto cardboard. Cut it into pieces.
- 13. Challenge family members to write, eat or do other activities with the hand they don't favor.
- 14. Hug your child for no reason other than you love him.
- 15. Enjoy some physical activity with your child.
- 16. Ask your child about the qualities she values most in friendships. Talk about why values are important.
- 17. Ask your child to guess how many times he blinks in a minute.
- 18. Write fractions on index cards. Mix them up. Help your child put them in order from smallest to greatest.
- 19. With your child, think of words that sound like what they mean, such as *buzz*, *smash*, *hiss* and *thump*.
- 20. Ask a librarian to recommend some award-winning books.
- 21. Cut a lime in half. Your child can dip it in paint and "print" on paper.
- 22. Name a state, province or country. Who can call out the capital first?
- 23. Cut apart the segments of a comic strip and ask your child to arrange the pieces in the right order.
- 24. When your child asks a question you can't answer, write it down. Keep a list of questions to look up later.
- 25. Use math to give your child instructions. For example, ask your child to pick up $3 + 2 + 1$ toys.
- 26. Ask your child what made the very best present she ever received special.
- 27. During breakfast, find an interesting word in the dictionary. Challenge your child to use it three times during the day.
- 28. If your child is learning to read, try books with "read-along" audio.
- 29. Let your child pick a word. Together, put its letters in alphabetical order.
- 30. Keep a book handy to read when you and your child are waiting in line.
- 31. Find pictures of people. Ask your child to write captions.



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