

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. Plan a picnic with your child.
- 2. Get the schedule for end-of-year tests. Make sure your child gets enough sleep the night before and eats a nutritious breakfast on testing days.
- 3. Cook or go out for a special breakfast today and talk about summer plans.
- 4. Teach your child a card game. Play it with the whole family.
- 5. Have a “no TV” evening. Let your child pick some music, and get everybody moving!
- 6. Open an atlas and point to any page. Help your child learn what foods people in that country eat.
- 7. Measure things in a new way. How many fingers long is your child’s desk?
- 8. Create a word search for your child by hiding words in a grid and surrounding them with random letters.
- 9. Plan an outdoor adventure day. Visit a zoo, park or playground.
- 10. Go on a “people” scavenger hunt. Find people who have skills or talents that interest your child.
- 11. Pay your child a genuine compliment.
- 12. Use the letters in your child’s name to write a poem. Share it with her.
- 13. Get an audio recorder and record a conversation with your child. Listen to it together and talk about how your voices sound.
- 14. Play math baseball with your child. Each correct answer is a base hit.
- 15. Which family member can name the most parts of the body?
- 16. Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about fossils.
- 17. Have each family member look through the newspaper and pick an item of interest. Share them at dinner.
- 18. Encourage your child to write a thank-you note to a favorite teacher.
- 19. Require everyone in the family to use *please*, *thank you* and *excuse me*.
- 20. Have a reading dinner. Encourage everyone to bring a book to discuss.
- 21. On a map, help your child trace where your family came from.
- 22. Can you and your child communicate without words? Try it and see.
- 23. Take a walk with your child. Later, have him make a map of your route, including *north*, *south*, *east* and *west*.
- 24. At the grocery store, have your child compare two sizes of a product. Which is the best buy?
- 25. Have each family member bring an interesting historical fact to dinner.
- 26. Look at baseball scores and averages in the sports pages with your child. Who has the highest batting average?
- 27. How many times can your child jump rope? Hold a contest to find out.
- 28. Ask your child to make a salad for the family. Include at least one unfamiliar vegetable.
- 29. How many types of punctuation can your child find today?
- 30. Check out a book about constellations at the library. See how many you and your child can find outside tonight.
- 31. Take a walk with your child in a nearby park. Pay attention to the flowers and birds that you see.



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