

Daily Learning Planner

*Ideas parents can use to help students
do well in school.*

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Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Parents Can Use to Help Students Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

- 1. Ask your child to tell you how to get from one place to another. Follow her directions together to see if they are accurate.
- 2. Go on a nature walk with your child. Can you each find things you have never seen before?
- 3. Talk with your child about a current event that is happening out of the country. How could it affect you? Could it happen here?
- 4. Today is the beginning of Screen-Free Week. Ask your child to list fun alternatives to watching TV and playing electronic games.
- 5. Point out the position of the sun. See if your child knows what it can tell you.
- 6. Mention something you learned recently to your child. It shows that you value education.
- 7. Ask your child how many two-scoop combinations she can make with three flavors of ice cream. Then try one together.
- 8. Review your child's finished homework. Find something to compliment.
- 9. Watch a history program together.
- 10. Have a family meeting. Use the time to work toward family goals and recognize achievements.
- 11. Challenge your child to walk someplace (if safety allows) instead of being driven.
- 12. Open the dictionary to a random page. With your child, learn the words on it that are new to you.
- 13. Make a statement and ask your child to classify it as *fact* or *opinion*.
- 14. Brainstorm with your family about where you'd go on a dream vacation.
- 15. If your child could learn anything this summer, what would it be?



- 16. Take your child to a local cultural event, such as a play or concert.
- 17. Play the Fame Game with your child. Take turns calling out names of famous people and guessing what they did. Then look them up.
- 18. Quote a helpful saying, such as "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail."
- 19. Does your child know how to swim? If not, sign him up for lessons.
- 20. Give your child a history lesson. What was life like 30 years ago?
- 21. Ask your child to research three places where she'd like to volunteer.
- 22. Look at old pictures of your child. Reminisce with him about how many things he has learned.
- 23. Put your child in charge of buying at least one grocery item.
- 24. Serve your child breakfast in bed.
- 25. See if your child can think of *homophones*—words that sound alike, but mean different things. For example, *mail* and *male*.
- 26. With your child, do something nice for someone else, such as an elderly neighbor.
- 27. Challenge your child to classify each living animal she sees: *amphibian*, *mammal*, *bird*, *reptile*, *fish*, *insect* or *invertebrate*.
- 28. Give your child several reasons why you are happy to be his parent.
- 29. Ask your child what she thinks is the greatest invention, and why.
- 30. Encourage your child to write a thank-you note to a teacher.
- 31. Ask your child to organize the books in your home.

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