

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. Let your child help you plan a meal, then prepare it together.
- 2. Ask your child to design an advertisement for a favorite class.
- 3. Have family members take turns being artists and models. The models pose while the artists draw them.
- 4. Pick a new word out of the dictionary. Challenge family members to use the word at least three times today.
- 5. Use flash cards to quiz everyone on math facts.
- 6. Create a word search by hiding words in a grid and surrounding them with random letters. Challenge your child to find the words.
- 7. Watch the news with your child. Choose a Person of the Week. Read more about that person.
- 8. Help your child find out which things sink and which float. Try a wooden spoon, a metal spoon and a rock.
- 9. Talk with your child about *perseverance*. Look for examples of people who demonstrate this quality.
- 10. At the library, help your child check out a book about a famous woman.
- 11. As a family, visit a nearby park or running trail. Everyone run like the March wind!
- 12. With your child, learn the sign language alphabet. Use it to practice spelling words.
- 13. Give your child a notebook. Have him write down new words he hears.
- 14. Start a family scrapbook. Collect photos, souvenirs, certificates and other mementos. Look through it with your child often.
- 15. Have your child rank homework assignments from easiest to hardest. Which works best for her, starting with the easiest or the hardest?
- 16. Have your child use empty boxes and milk cartons to create a three-dimensional map of your town.
- 17. Help your child break down large assignments into smaller parts.
- 18. Set aside a half hour for writing with your child.
- 19. Tell your child a fun fact about something he loves.
- 20. Help your child do a secret good deed for a friend or neighbor.
- 21. Get organized! Ask your child to think about ways to reduce clutter.
- 22. Discuss a book your child likes.
- 23. Take a walk with your child after dark. Try to identify constellations.
- 24. Make a bookmark. On a piece of cardboard, have your child draw a scene or write a quote from a book.
- 25. Look in the newspaper or online for a list of things to do in your town. Which ones appeal to your child? Plan to do a few together.
- 26. Have a No TV Night. Read or play games instead.
- 27. Clip or print an interesting news story. Cut the paragraphs apart. Ask your child to read them and put them in order.
- 28. When reading, pause to ask, "What do you think will happen next?"
- 29. Play music while your family does chores today.
- 30. It's the birthday of Anna Sewell, author of *Black Beauty*. Gallop to your library and check it out!
- 31. Fly a kite with your child.

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