

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. Teach your child symbols that speed up note-taking, such as *w/* for with and *cf.* for compared to.
- 2. Let your child overhear you say something good about him.
- 3. Quiz family members on geography.
- 4. When your child tells you something important, repeat it to make sure you understood.
- 5. Visit the high school your child will attend. Talk with her about which classes and activities interest her.
- 6. Invent a recipe with your child. If it doesn't work, try to fix it together.
- 7. Use math terms while talking with your child. For example, "This street is *perpendicular* to ours."
- 8. Hear your child out if he thinks a consequence you've imposed is unfair.
- 9. Share stress-relieving tips with your child, such as counting to 10 silently when angry.
- 10. Encourage your child to write a letter to an elected official or the editor of a local newspaper on a topic that concerns her.
- 11. Ask your child to guess the purpose of a homework assignment. Knowing the reason for something can be motivating.
- 12. Encourage your child to read during quiet times at home, such as before bedtime.
- 13. Remind your child of a time when persistence helped him succeed.
- 14. Take turns making statements with your child. Identify each one as *fact* or *opinion*.
- 15. Help your child make a practice test to prepare for an upcoming test.
- 16. Has it been a hard week at school? Take your child out for a treat.
- 17. Browse through your child's textbooks. Discuss what she is studying.
- 18. Don't let your child interrupt homework time to watch TV. If your child's favorite show is on, record it and watch it later.
- 19. Talk to your child about people he admires. Discuss the reasons he admires them.
- 20. Post a meaningful quotation you love where your child will see it.
- 21. Exercise your child's imagination. Where would she like to travel?
- 22. Take a map in the car or on a walk with you. Show your child where you are headed and let him navigate.
- 23. Discuss the places your child's ancestors came from.
- 24. Take a trip to the library with your child.
- 25. Choose a spot in your home where family members can post things they are proud of.
- 26. Post a job chart to remind your child of duties and reduce nagging.
- 27. Encourage your child to sort her books by subject. She can use the library's system or invent her own.
- 28. Learn the dangers of inhalant abuse. Explain them to your child.
- 29. Help your child plan a gathering for friends, such as a "create-your-own-sundae" party.
- 30. Don't talk when you drive your child and his friends. Listen and learn.
- 31. Patiently explain the reason for a rule your child doesn't like.

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