

# 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 what he thinks is the greatest invention.
- 2. Consider setting a minimum homework time. This can prevent rushed work. Your child can spend any remaining time reviewing or reading.
- 3. Remember that the key to *getting* your child's respect is *showing* your child respect.
- 4. Look over your child's summer reading list. Plan to read some of the books yourself.
- 5. Talk about the systems of the human body with your child.
- 6. Praise your child for her hard work. This encourages her to keep it up.
- 7. Have your child make a collage of pictures of athletes in different sports. Talk about different healthy body types.
- 8. It's National Teacher Day. Write a thank-you note to your child's favorite teacher. Have your child write one, too.
- 9. Challenge your child to classify living animals he sees: *amphibian, mammal, bird, reptile, fish, insect* or *crustacean*.
- 10. Get a book or look online for simple science experiments your child can do at home. Try one with her.
- 11. Have your child teach you a word or two of the slang he and his friends use.
- 12. Ask your child to teach you something, such as a computer skill.
- 13. Assemble a family first aid kit. Make sure everyone knows where it is.
- 14. Encourage your child to be a gracious winner and a good loser.
- 15. Watch a history program on TV with your child.
- 16. List your priorities in life, including family and education. Does your schedule reflect what's most important?
- 17. If your child could learn anything this summer, what would it be?
- 18. Be sure an adult will be present when your child visits a friend's home.
- 19. How many two-scoop combinations can your child make with three flavors of ice cream?
- 20. Stay positive when helping your child with schoolwork, even if she gets discouraged.
- 21. Watch a TV commercial with your child. Discuss the techniques it uses to influence people.
- 22. Tell your child a story that teaches an important lesson.
- 23. Enforce rules consistently. Your child will be more likely to obey them.
- 24. Go on a nature walk with your child. Notice things you have never seen before.
- 25. Talk about a current event that is happening in another country.
- 26. Have each family member prepare one part of a meal. Eat together.
- 27. Think of some common sayings, such as "Beauty is only skin deep" and "Winning isn't everything." Discuss what they mean.
- 28. Books are great gifts for kids. Ask your librarian to recommend some.
- 29. When your child voices an opinion, ask him why he feels that way.
- 30. Ask your child what she would do if a friend stole something.
- 31. Make your child responsible for putting his schedule on the family calendar.

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