

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. Have your child keep a chart of sunny and rainy days this month.
- 2. Do a crossword puzzle with your child. Or make up your own using spelling words.
- 3. Take a walk together and look for signs of spring. If your child didn't know the season, how could she use her senses to figure it out?
- 4. April is Math Awareness Month. Take time to review math with your child each day.
- 5. Sometime today, exchange notes with your child instead of talking.
- 6. Help your child interview people in careers that interest him. What would a typical day be like?
- 7. Be creative in the kitchen. Come up with new pizza topping combinations with your child.
- 8. Have your child design a new cover for a much-loved book.
- 9. Let your child point to a country in an atlas or on a world map. Together, figure out what time it is there.
- 10. Ask your child to go through her toys. Help her give any she doesn't use to another child, a day care center or a school.
- 11. Practice making decisions as a family.
- 12. At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself at his age.
- 13. Make an emergency reading kit for the car.
- 14. Have everyone in the family spend a half hour picking up the house. Many hands make light work.
- 15. With your child, make a list of words we commonly use that came from other languages. Here's a start: *piñata, croissant, karate*.
- 16. Ask your child to give you a "news report" about what went on at school today. What's the lead story?
- 17. Help your child to use the internet or reference books to research how rain falls from the sky.
- 18. Ask family members, "If you were an animal, which animal would you be and why?"
- 19. Ask your child to read to you while you make dinner.
- 20. Encourage your child to write a family newsletter. She can interview family members and write up the news.
- 21. Find the oldest building in your town. Visit it with your child and talk about local history.
- 22. Brainstorm how your family could help beautify your neighborhood.
- 23. Let your child choose what to wear and where to study today.
- 24. Try a food from another culture. Cook it at home or visit a restaurant as a family.
- 25. Have a No TV Night. Take turns retelling family stories instead.
- 26. Ask your child about people he admires. Why does he admire them?
- 27. Use the letters in your child's name to start positive descriptions of her. "M is for mighty. E is for enthusiastic. G is for generous."
- 28. Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about the oceans.
- 29. Encourage your child to be a gracious winner and a good loser.
- 30. Give your child a photograph from a magazine. Each of you write about what you think happened before or after the picture was taken.

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