

# 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. Talk with your child about what you each learned today.
- 2. Schedule some one-on-one time with your child this month.
- 3. Discuss your child's homework with her before she gets started.
- 4. Try to have a conversation in rhyme with your child.
- 5. Ask your child to figure out how many square feet of carpeting it would take to cover the floor in his room.
- 6. Ask your child to teach you something she's learning in school. Let her explain it, even if you already understand.
- 7. Take your child to the library and help him research his dream career.
- 8. Have weekly family meetings. Talk about news, goals and successes.
- 9. Ask your child to estimate the length of a table in your home. Then, have her measure it.
- 10. Remind your child that school is his job. It's more important than sports, hobbies and video games.
- 11. Take your child to a service station. Make sure she knows how to check the oil and fill the tank with gasoline.
- 12. Give your child a plant. Let him be responsible for its care.
- 13. Teach your child how to make a favorite dish.
- 14. Compare your family's values to those of families on TV. Ask your child, "How are they different or alike?"
- 15. Help your child think of tough situations she might face. How would she handle them?
- 16. Let your child daydream sometimes. It can build coping skills.
- 17. Does your child have a big job ahead of him? Have him set a timer for just five minutes and get started.
- 18. Learn a new word at breakfast. Challenge family members to use it three times today.
- 19. Plan a family spelling bee. Give the winner a special award.
- 20. Have your child figure out the average of some figures, such as family members' ages.
- 21. Ask your child to pay attention to things she might not usually notice about a book. When was it published?
- 22. Celebrate Earth Day by doing something good for the environment as a family, such as recycling.
- 23. Have a family fire drill. Check to make sure your smoke alarms work.
- 24. Learn the symptoms of eating disorders. Does your child have healthy habits?
- 25. Point out an example of prejudice to your child. Talk about ways to deal with intolerance.
- 26. Give your child the facts about sex—and discuss how your values relate to the facts.
- 27. Together, use an astronomy chart to identify constellations at night.
- 28. With your child, think of interesting questions and guess the answers. Check your responses at the library.
- 29. Tell your child one thing you admire most about him as a student.
- 30. Check on your child's grades. If necessary, help her raise them before the year ends.

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