

Daily Learning Planner

*Ideas parents can use to help students
do better in school.*

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Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Parents Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

- ☐ 1. Make a costume box for your child. Fill it with hats and old clothes.
- ☐ 2. Have your child choose a business and write a funny ad for it.
- ☐ 3. Test your child's knowledge. Who is the president of the United States? Who is the prime minister of Canada?
- ☐ 4. Ask your child what the most interesting thing he learned today was.
- ☐ 5. Help your child plan ahead. Talk about next weekend. What needs to be done to prepare for a family activity?
- ☐ 6. When you read aloud, choose an exciting place to stop. Ask, "What do you think will happen next?"
- ☐ 7. Watch an age-appropriate movie about another country with your child.
- ☐ 8. Start a family scrapbook. Collect photos, souvenirs, certificates and other mementos. Look through it often.
- ☐ 9. Ask your child to look for examples of *tolerance* and *intolerance* in the newspaper or on TV today.
- ☐ 10. Talk with your child about *perseverance*.
- ☐ 11. How many times can your child jump rope? Hold a contest.
- ☐ 12. Have each family member make a list of personal strengths. Read them aloud. Add to each other's list.
- ☐ 13. Tell your child you love her today.
- ☐ 14. Think of "what if" questions: "What if we walked on our hands?" "What if cats could talk?"
- ☐ 15. Talk about how you use numbers in your daily life.
- ☐ 16. Can you and your child communicate without words? Try it and see.
- ☐ 17. Ask your child to put dry beans between damp paper towels. Keep moist. In a few days, check to see if they've sprouted.
- ☐ 18. Have your child listen to different types of music. Ask him to describe how it makes him feel.
- ☐ 19. Make a "family flag." Think of things that represent your family. Use fabric paints to draw these on a piece of cloth.
- ☐ 20. Make a bookmark. On a piece of thin cardboard, have your child draw a scene or write a quote from a book.
- ☐ 21. Have your child paint to music. Play different types of songs for each painting. Compare how each looks.
- ☐ 22. Watch a nature program on TV together.
- ☐ 23. Help your child create a joke collection. Fill a notebook with jokes you hear. Cut jokes out of magazines or newspapers.
- ☐ 24. It's TV-Turnoff Week. Can your family switch off the set for seven days?
- ☐ 25. Talk to your child about how recycling paper is one way to help save natural resources.
- ☐ 26. Make a fort with your child out of couch cushions or cardboard boxes.
- ☐ 27. Do a crossword puzzle with your child.
- ☐ 28. Choose a "Person of the Week." Read more about him or her.
- ☐ 29. Ask your child to guess how many times she blinks in a minute. Then try to count.
- ☐ 30. Head to a playground and swing on the swings with your child.



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