

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. Try a new mode of transportation with your child, such as a train or bus.
- 2. Go to the library and encourage your child to check out some books. Check out some books for yourself, too!
- 3. What are your child's academic interests? Talk about how those topics can help him outside of school.
- 4. On a thin piece of cardboard, have your child draw a scene or write a quotation from a book to make a bookmark.
- 5. Review your child's schedule. Does she have enough "down time"?
- 6. Challenge family members to get creative in the kitchen. See who can invent the greatest tasting new pizza topping.
- 7. Look in the newspaper or online for a list of things to do in your town. Which ones appeal to your child?
- 8. Encourage your child to write a Valentine's message to someone who is sick or lonely. Mail it to that person.
- 9. Have your child dissolve some salt in a glass of water. Watch for a few days. Talk about what happens.
- 10. Set aside time today to work on a hobby with your child.
- 11. Have your child pretend to be a news anchor and give you a report about his day.
- 12. Ask your child if she has ever been bullied or witnessed bullying in school. If she has, be sure to alert the school.
- 13. Find a world map. Show your child where his ancestors came from.
- 14. Show and tell family members that you love them.
- 15. Put three items in a bag. Challenge your child to use them as props in an improvised skit.
- 16. Check out a joke book at the library. Take turns sharing jokes at dinner.
- 17. Read a favorite fairy tale to your child.
- 18. Make a crossword puzzle out of your child's spelling words. Solving it will help her review.
- 19. When your child makes a good decision, reward him with praise.
- 20. Ask your child about people she admires and why she admires them.
- 21. Have each family member bring an interesting fact to dinner.
- 22. It's George Washington's birthday. Help your child learn something new about the first U.S. president.
- 23. Discuss outer space with your child. Teach him to remember the order of the planets using "My Very Elegant Mother Just Served Us Noodles" (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune).
- 24. Ask your child to make a list of items in your home that come from plants.
- 25. Make math yummy. Give your child raisins or mini marshmallows to use as manipulatives when adding and subtracting.
- 26. Have your child write a poem or story from the point of view of an appliance or a family pet.
- 27. Tie a string between two chairs. Use a balloon to play indoor volleyball with your child.
- 28. Have your child read to you as you're cleaning up after supper. Or read to your child as she cleans up!

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