

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. Ask your child, "If you could go anywhere, where would you go, and why?" Together, learn more about this location.
- 2. Look at a photo in the newspaper today with your child. Talk about it. Then read the article together.
- 3. Have your child choose a new unit of measurement. How many fingers long is her desk? How many pencils long is the hall?
- 4. Take an early morning walk with your child. Notice signs of spring.
- 5. Challenge your child to start a neighborhood newsletter.
- 6. At the grocery store, have your child estimate how many bell peppers are in two pounds. Use the scales to check.
- 7. Tell your child a story about when he was a baby.
- 8. Have your child look at her reflection on the back of a shiny metal spoon. How does it make her appear?
- 9. Ask your child what he thinks the world will be like in 10 years.
- 10. Have your child draw on paper with a white candle. The picture will magically appear when your child paints over it with watercolors.
- 11. Try a new sport with your child.
- 12. Encourage your child to put on a puppet show. You provide the popcorn and the applause.
- 13. Have your child place a piece of paper on a tree trunk and rub with a crayon to see the pattern in the tree's bark.
- 14. Let your child see you keep your temper when you are angry. Talk about how you feel instead of yelling.
- 15. Ask your child to add up all the change in your pocket or purse.
- 16. Have your child complete this sentence: "I'm getting better at ..."
- 17. Suggest that your child design a new cover for her favorite book.
- 18. At the library, help your child check out a book on insects. Together, find and identify some in your backyard or a nearby park.
- 19. Make it a compliment day! Encourage family members to give lots of genuine compliments.
- 20. Hide pennies around your home. Give your child a bag and have him find as many as he can.
- 21. Have your child hold her nose while she eats. Does it affect the taste?
- 22. Look at photos from a year ago. Your child will be amazed at how much he has grown!
- 23. Play a board game with your child that uses math, such as Monopoly.
- 24. Show your child how to call 911 in an emergency. Practice what to say.
- 25. Have your child look through magazines and newspapers for 90-degree angles, then create a collage of these angles.
- 26. Have a Family Reading Night. Have everyone bring a good book and relax and read together.
- 27. Enjoy some outdoor exercise with your child.
- 28. Use a flashlight to write words on the ceiling of a darkened room. Can your child guess what they are?
- 29. Role-play a difficult situation your child may face.
- 30. Let your child decorate a piece of cardboard to make a bookmark.
- 31. Ask your child, "What if dogs could fly?"

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