

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. Help your child create a joke collection. Fill a notebook with jokes you each hear and read.
- 2. Read an assignment with your child. Then ask him to tell you about it in his own words.
- 3. Listen for cities, states and countries mentioned on TV. Together, locate them on a map.
- 4. Help your child make her own dictionary with spelling or vocabulary words.
- 5. Fold paper towels into parts. Start with halves, then fourths, eighths and sixteenths. Let your child use a marker to label the fractions.
- 6. Resist the urge to schedule every minute of your child's day. Kids need down time to think, imagine and play.
- 7. Think about the rules you have for your child. Are they age-appropriate?
- 8. Ask your child to draw a picture of winter.
- 9. Invent a word with your child. Write down a silly definition.
- 10. Ask your child what he would do if he were invisible for a day.
- 11. Say a number, such as 162. Then have your child write it in words: one hundred sixty-two.
- 12. Talk with your child about a choice you've made. Be sure to talk about the consequences of that choice.
- 13. Choose a recipe from another culture. Prepare it with your child.
- 14. Trace your child's hand on paper. Together, think of ways to be a helping hand. Write ideas on the drawing.
- 15. Time different things you and your child regularly do in a day. An awareness of how long tasks take is key for time management.
- 16. Review math facts at the dinner table tonight.
- 17. Play a word game with your child.
- 18. Watch the news together and choose a Person of the Week. Read more about that person.
- 19. Talk with your child about how doing homework helps students remember what they are learning.
- 20. Have your child write directions for making a sandwich. Then follow them exactly. Were the results what she intended?
- 21. Show your child 10 objects. Have him close his eyes while you remove one. When he opens his eyes, can he guess what's missing?
- 22. Ask your child to help you organize something, such as a closet.
- 23. Make up a song featuring your child's name.
- 24. Play store. Ask your child to figure how much tax you will owe on your purchases.
- 25. Name different types of punctuation with your child. Identify them in a newspaper or magazine.
- 26. Together, write a poem about your family. Start each line with a letter from the word FAMILY.
- 27. Watch a funny TV show with your child. Then have her draw a comic strip showing what it was about.
- 28. Tell your child three things that you love about him. Have him tell you three things that he loves about you.
- 29. Let your child quiz you about things she is learning in school.
- 30. Ask your child to name something he has done in his life that makes him feel proud.