

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. Point out all the ways your family uses writing throughout the day.
- 2. Have a “goodbye to summer” picnic today. Talk with your child about the great times you had together over the summer.
- 3. Provide your child with access to basic reference materials when she studies—an atlas, a dictionary, a thesaurus, in book form or online.
- 4. A nutritious breakfast helps kids learn. Make sure your child starts the day with a healthy breakfast at home or at school.
- 5. Choose a place for items that go to school. Help your child get into the habit of putting things there each evening.
- 6. Write your child’s name vertically. Have him use each letter in his name to begin a line of a poem.
- 7. Use math to give your child instructions. For example, ask her to pick up $3 + 2 + 1$ toys.
- 8. September is Library Card Month. Make sure everyone in your family has a library card.
- 9. Help your child set a school-related goal. Write down the steps he’ll take to reach it. Post his goal in a visible spot.
- 10. Each evening, ask your child specific questions about school that day.
- 11. Have your child use shoe boxes to create a mailbox for each family member. Use them to send one another notes and reminders.
- 12. Watch the news as a family. Locate one place mentioned on a map.
- 13. Make sure you and your child know the school rules. Post them on your refrigerator.
- 14. Adjust bedtimes tonight so everyone has time to read in bed.
- 15. Invent a word with your child. Write a silly definition.
- 16. Talk with your child about the week ahead. Do this every Sunday.
- 17. If your child is watching TV, ask her to turn off the sound and create her own story to go with the images.
- 18. Review your child’s homework each day. Give compliments and helpful suggestions, but don’t insist that he redo the work.
- 19. Make an emergency reading kit for your child to have in the car.
- 20. Look through job listings with your child. What job would she want?
- 21. Plan a family meeting to discuss a decision you can make together.
- 22. Have your child write a letter or email to a friend or relative telling about the beginning of his school year.
- 23. Challenge your child to find as many types of punctuation as she can.
- 24. Help your child find his best time to do homework. Some kids do better right after school, others after dinner.
- 25. Take an imaginary underwater trip with your child. What would your vessel look like? Where would you go?
- 26. Give family members marshmallows and toothpicks. See who can build the tallest tower.
- 27. Help your child organize her room.
- 28. Give your child a hug today and every day.
- 29. Tonight, allow a few minutes after the light is off for a quiet chat with your child.
- 30. Have dinner by candlelight tonight.

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