

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. Create and keep a family logbook. Everyone can jot down and read thoughts, reminders and accomplishments.
- 2. Make a list of three fun things you'd like to do or try as a family. Then make plans to do them!
- 3. Ask your child to spell the names of favorite foods.
- 4. Compliment your child on a recent accomplishment.
- 5. Make your child responsible for putting her clean clothes away.
- 6. What is your child's favorite animal? Ask him to write a story making that animal the main character.
- 7. Play an age-appropriate board game with your child.
- 8. It's National Soup Month. Make soup with your child—and enjoy the book *Stone Soup* together.
- 9. It's National Clean Off Your Desk Day. Make it "Clean Up Your Homework Place Day," too!
- 10. Use a timer while your child completes a task. See if she can "beat the clock."
- 11. Ask your child, "Why do we have laws in our society?"
- 12. Ask your child about the qualities he values most in friendships. Talk about ways to be a good friend.
- 13. Ask your child to name places where water is found.
- 14. Help your child find instructions at the library or online for making a volcano with vinegar and baking soda. Try it at home.
- 15. How many words can family members make from the letters in the word JANUARY?
- 16. It's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. With your child, read stories about Dr. King and the work he did to advance civil rights.
- 17. Help your child set up dominos in a row and then knock them down.
- 18. Teach your child skills he'll need later in life—cooking a simple meal, washing clothes, washing dishes.
- 19. Put together an "emergency reading kit" for the car.
- 20. With your child, try to name an animal that starts with every letter of the alphabet. (You can leave out X.)
- 21. Have dinner by candlelight. Ask family members to share their favorite parts of the day.
- 22. Ask your child to name her favorite subject in school. Why does she like it so much?
- 23. In the car, have your child add the numbers on license plates you see.
- 24. Teach your child a card game.
- 25. Make a pretend clock using a paper plate and two strips of paper. Help your child practice telling time.
- 26. Help your child make flash cards of vocabulary words.
- 27. Give your child a cereal box or a soup can. Have him look for certain letters or words on it.
- 28. Read a book as a family.
- 29. Help your child set a goal for this week.
- 30. Does your child hate to lose? Tell her that effort is more important than winning.
- 31. Ask your child to name his favorite thing about you.



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