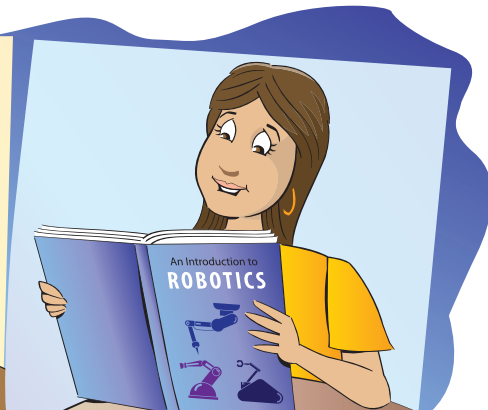
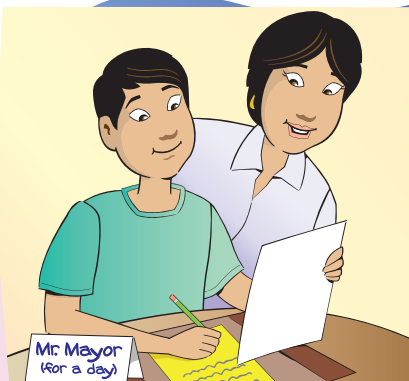


# Daily Learning Planner

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do well in school.*

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## Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Parents Can Use to Help Students Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

- 1. Help your child set and write down goals for the coming year. Set some goals for yourself, as well.
- 2. Sort through and organize old photos. Ask your child to write captions.
- 3. Share a poem with your child. How does he interpret it?
- 4. When your child brings home graded schoolwork, focus first on what she learned, not on her grade.
- 5. Ask your child to tell you one thing he is looking forward to right now.
- 6. Before leaving school, your child should double-check that she has everything she needs to do her assignments.
- 7. When your child plays sports, leave coaching to the coach. Sideline coaching will embarrass your child.
- 8. Look for opportunities to compromise with your child (without risking safety).
- 9. Talk to your child about what life was like 25 years ago.
- 10. Challenge your child to see how many nights he can go without TV.
- 11. Ask your child what she likes most about her classes.
- 12. Ask your child about people he admires. Why does he admire them?
- 13. Plan to attend as many school events as possible.
- 14. Learn about sign language with your child. Can your family use it to communicate?
- 15. Have your child write hard-to-spell words in alphabetical order in an address book. Then she can look them up when needed.
- 16. If your child is confused in a class, make sure he knows he should ask the teacher for help right away.
- 17. Look for a CPR class to take with your child.

- 18. Challenge your child to write an advertisement for a product she uses.
- 19. How many *homophones* (words that sound alike, but mean different things) can your child think of? For example, *mail* and *male*.
- 20. Use math-related terms in conversations with your child, such as *parallel* and *intersect*.
- 21. Get up early this morning and take a walk around your neighborhood with your child. Does it seem different early in the morning?
- 22. Write your child a letter about how wonderful you think he is.
- 23. Ask family members to describe ways they used math today.
- 24. Encourage your child to break large tasks into small parts.
- 25. Talk with your child about her plans for the day.
- 26. If you and your child are in a heated conflict, back off. Come back later when you can think clearly.
- 27. Get a deck of cards. Each player turns over one card. The player who correctly multiplies the cards first wins them.
- 28. Your child may find memorizing easier if he closes his eyes and pictures the word or material.
- 29. Work on a hobby with your child.
- 30. Let your child create a decoration for her room.
- 31. Make pizza as a family tonight.



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