

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. Reinforce good manners. Remind everyone in the family to use the words *please*, *thank you* and *excuse me* today.
- 2. Start a family savings jar. Everyone can decide on what the goal will be and how they will contribute.
- 3. Teach your child about *homographs*—words that are spelled the same but have different meanings, such as *address* (a speech, a location).
- 4. Look at photos from one year ago. Your child will be amazed at how much he has grown!
- 5. Ask your child, “Why do we have laws in our society? What would it be like if we didn’t?”
- 6. With your child, estimate the number of socks in the laundry basket. Count to find out the exact number.
- 7. Show your child how to call 911 in an emergency. Practice what to say.
- 8. Teach a card game to your child. Play it with the whole family tonight.
- 9. Ask your child to invent something that will make life easier.
- 10. Tuck a valentine in your child’s lunch every day this week. Write a special “I love you” message on each.
- 11. Strengthen observation skills. Challenge your child to describe someone who just passed her on the street.
- 12. Choose a Word of the Day. Ask family members to use it in a sentence. Make this a daily habit.
- 13. Play “my day, your day” with your child. Ask questions about each other’s day.
- 14. Challenge your child to do a secret good deed for a friend or neighbor.
- 15. Call your local radio or television station and see if you can arrange a tour for you and your child.
- 16. Be creative in the kitchen. See who can invent the greatest-tasting combination of pizza toppings.
- 17. Have an “unplugged” night. Use flashlights to read. Avoid using smartphones, tablets, TVs and computers.
- 18. Ask your child to name the nicest thing a friend has ever done for her.
- 19. Start a jigsaw puzzle together. Leave it out to work on in spare moments.
- 20. Compliment something your child did well today.
- 21. Ask your child to listen for a certain word as you read and have him say it aloud when he hears it.
- 22. Visit the library with your child. Check out a book about presidents.
- 23. Give your child a short article from the newspaper. Ask her to circle all the verbs.
- 24. At dinner, ask everyone in the family how they used math today.
- 25. For five minutes, both you and your child start writing a story. Then switch and finish each other’s stories.
- 26. Have your child pick a letter. How many foods can you each think of that begin with that letter?
- 27. Say a number, such as 162. Then have your child write it in words: *one hundred sixty-two*.
- 28. On a map, help your child find the country where his pants were made.
- 29. Help your child find out why February has 29 days this year.

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