

# Daily Learning Planner

Ideas parents can use to help students  
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. Suggest you and your child exchange "special surprises." Do something unexpected for one another.
- 2. Help your child think of a fun, educational volunteer experience to try.
- 3. Do a library card "checkup." Does every member of the family have a card? If not, plan to get one.
- 4. Talk to your child about drugs. Discussion is one of the best kinds of prevention.
- 5. Allow your child to subscribe to a magazine he'd enjoy, as long as it's age-appropriate.
- 6. Select a book the whole family might enjoy. Pass it around until everyone has read it. Afterwards, discuss it as a group.
- 7. Have your child research prices and quality before she buys something.
- 8. Exchange persuasive letters with your child. Try to convince each other of something.
- 9. Take a walk with your child today.
- 10. Suggest that your child keep a homework diary. Which study methods work best for him?
- 11. Show your child photographs of herself when she was younger.
- 12. Ask your child to name a favorite author. Why does he like him or her?
- 13. Discuss recent world events at the dinner table.
- 14. Ask your child a specific question about school, such as, "Which class is your favorite and why?"
- 15. Give your child a camera and ask her to record "A day in the life of our family."
- 16. Celebrate Geography Awareness Week. Display a map in your home.
- 17. Make a healthy snack for you and your child to share. Ask him something about his day, such as "What did you do in science?"
- 18. Encourage your child to write a letter to a long-distance relative.
- 19. Ask your child what she is thankful for today.
- 20. Give your child a test tip: Answer the easiest questions first.
- 21. Think of someone you and your child admire. Post that person's picture in your home.
- 22. Think of a movie based on a book. Read the book as a family, then watch the film.
- 23. Have your child write a compliment or complaint letter to a company.
- 24. Make a list of healthy breakfast-to-go foods your child can grab quickly.
- 25. Ask your child to pretend he's mayor for the day. Have him list three ideas that would make your community a better place.
- 26. Write your child a thank-you note about something helpful she did.
- 27. See how many words you and your child can use to describe the day's weather. For example, *foggy, cloudy, muggy, wet, dreary*.
- 28. Have your child read aloud to a younger sibling, a neighbor or you.
- 29. Take turns with your child making statements. Decide whether each is fact or opinion.
- 30. Take your child to a museum.



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