

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. Write a nice note and tuck it into your child's backpack.
- 2. Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading one of his books aloud.
- 3. Test your child's knowledge of some facts, such as the names of the president and vice president of the United States.
- 4. On a visit to the library, help your child look up events that occurred on the day she was born.
- 5. Fly a kite with your child today.
- 6. Ask your child to write a short story from a dog's point of view.
- 7. Create a word search for your child by hiding words in a grid and surrounding them with random letters.
- 8. Record a conversation with your child. Listen to it together and talk about how your voices sound.
- 9. Plan a meal with your child. How many food groups can you include? Prepare the meal together.
- 10. Talk to your child about a time you had to work with someone you didn't like. How did you handle it?
- 11. Have your child read to you while you're in the car today.
- 12. Check ads for prices ending in 98 or 99 cents. Challenge your child to round off and estimate how much four of these items would cost.
- 13. Post a funny saying or comic strip where your child will see it.
- 14. Review your child's spelling or vocabulary words tonight. Have him use each of them in a sentence.
- 15. Play a game of Go Fish with your child.
- 16. Pick a category (animals, food) and a letter. How many items from the category can your child name that begin with that letter?



- 17. Ask your child to use a radio announcer voice to read aloud to you.
- 18. Make today punctuation day. See how many types of punctuation you and your child come across. Talk about what each stands for.
- 19. Ask your child to draw a picture of herself.
- 20. Select a "person of the week" to read more about with your child.
- 21. Ask your child, "What are you thinking right now?"
- 22. Together, think of several words that start with the same letter. Put them in a sentence that makes sense.
- 23. Does your child ride a bike? Review the rules of bicycle safety.
- 24. It's magician Harry Houdini's birthday. Learn a magic trick with your child.
- 25. Combine exercise with TV viewing. When a commercial comes on, get your family up and move. Jump up and down, run in place, do sit-ups.
- 26. Make today your child's special day. Let him choose what to do and eat.
- 27. Hold a family meeting. Decide on some family goals together.
- 28. Play a rhyming game with your child. Take turns making up a short sentence. Answer with a sentence that rhymes.
- 29. Start a family library. Let your child have her own shelf for her books.
- 30. Have your child turn a newspaper headline into a question. Then, read the article together. Did it answer the question?
- 31. Ask your child to name *synonyms*—words that are similar in meaning, such as *cold*, *chilly*, *cool* and *icy*.

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