

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. Share a book about science with your child today.
- 2. Show your child how to put new batteries in a flashlight.
- 3. At the library, check out a book about holiday traditions around the world. Read it with your child.
- 4. Help your child think of something nice she can do for a neighbor.
- 5. Put three items in a bag. Have your child and a friend or sibling use them as props for a five-minute skit.
- 6. Talk with your child about courage. Look for examples of people who demonstrate courage.
- 7. Play Concentration with homemade flash cards. Math problems with the same answer make a pair (9 x 2 and 15 + 3, for example).
- 8. With your child, make a paper chain to count down the number of days left until January 1. Remove one link each day.
- 9. Make your own greeting cards. With your child, read some cards in stores for ideas, then write your own messages.
- 10. Today is Human Rights Day. Talk with your child about rights and responsibilities.
- 11. Ask your child what he'd do if friends dared him to steal a candy bar.
- 12. Have your child tell you a funny story.
- 13. Show your child which way is *north*, *south*, *east* and *west*.
- 14. Do a crossword puzzle with your child. It's a great way to learn words.
- 15. Look through family photos together. Tell stories about the pictures.
- 16. Have your child label four sheets of paper *Spring*, *Summer*, *Fall* and *Winter*, then write descriptive words for each season.
- 17. Ask your child to pick five words to describe herself.
- 18. Have your child make a list of things to do when there's nothing to do.
- 19. Try eating with chopsticks tonight.
- 20. At dinner tonight, have family members talk about a gift they would each like to receive that costs no money.
- 21. Ask your child to write a shopping list before you go to the market.
- 22. Encourage your child to talk with a student who is home from college about what college is like.
- 23. Have your child make a "snowman" using paper, glue and cotton balls.
- 24. Read a seasonal story or poem with your child.
- 25. Leave a note tucked under your child's pillow for him to find at bedtime.
- 26. Check online to see if there's a place you and your child can go roller skating or ice skating.
- 27. Begin telling a story. When you get to an exciting part, stop talking and let your child make up the rest.
- 28. Help your child find out what's inside a seed. Soak a dry bean overnight. Let her remove the coat and pull the halves apart.
- 29. With your child, listen to music in the dark. Concentrate on the sounds.
- 30. Take turns naming different parts of the body with your child.
- 31. Measure your child. How much did he grow this year?



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