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. Have your child write a letter to a lawmaker about an issue that is important to her.
- ❑ 2. Collect interesting containers, packing materials, yarn, glitter, etc. Save the supplies for rainy day art sessions.
- ❑ 3. At dinner, price each dish. Can your child add up the cost of the meal?
- ❑ 4. Write your child's name vertically. Have him use each letter in his name to begin a line of a poem.
- ❑ 5. Pretend to go back in time with your child. Pick a period of time and reenact the event together.
- ❑ 6. Cover an illustration in a book. Read the page to your child. Can she guess what's in the picture?
- ❑ 7. Ask your child to think of one animal that starts with each letter of the alphabet (skip the letter X).
- ❑ 8. Create an art gallery. Frame your child's artwork. Rotate the work on display frequently.
- ❑ 9. At the store, ask your child to figure out how much change you should get from a purchase.
- ❑ 10. Let your child plan dinner tonight, including a new vegetable to try.
- ❑ 11. Play Alphabet Mixup. Choose a word and rearrange the letters in alphabetical order. Can your child figure out the word?
- ❑ 12. It's Geography Awareness Week. Quiz each other on state, provincial and world capitals at dinner tonight.
- ❑ 13. Help your child organize his books by subject, title or author.
- ❑ 14. Watch a television show with the sound muted. Ask family members to make up the dialogue.
- ❑ 15. Take a walk with your child. Look for things you haven't seen before.
- ❑ 16. Ask your child to tell you about a reading assignment in her own words.
- ❑ 17. Put on music and spend 15 minutes drawing or writing with your child. Let the music be your inspiration.
- ❑ 18. Put together a "kitchen band." How many kitchen objects can your child use to make music?
- ❑ 19. Do a crossword puzzle with your child.
- ❑ 20. Help your child cut an apple in half. Dip the cut edge in a shallow pan of paint. Press it on paper to make fruit prints.
- ❑ 21. Hold a family meeting. Make some goals as a family.
- ❑ 22. Play a game of charades with your child. Use hand gestures and motions to describe your word.
- ❑ 23. Make a list of all the things that make your family members thankful.
- ❑ 24. Every time you talk with your child on the telephone, end your conversation with the words, "I love you."
- ❑ 25. Write an encouraging note and tuck it in your child's pocket.
- ❑ 26. Clean out closets with your child. Donate gently-used items to charity—or have a family yard sale.
- ❑ 27. Make up a secret code with your child. Use it to write notes this week.
- ❑ 28. Bake bread with your child. Biscuits are simple to prepare.
- ❑ 29. If your child is learning to read, look for read-along audiobooks.
- ❑ 30. It's Mark Twain's birthday. Read one of his stories with your child.

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