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. Play "my day, your day" with your child. Each of you ask questions about the other's day.
- ❑ 2. It's Groundhog Day. How many words can your child make from the letters in GROUNDHOG?
- ❑ 3. Have your child pretend she's a character from a book. Ask questions until you figure out who she is.
- ❑ 4. Start a "chain of hearts." Cut out small hearts. Each day, write a reason you love your child on one and add it to the chain.
- ❑ 5. Check ads for items with prices ending in 98 or 99 cents. Have your child round off and estimate—how much would four of them cost?
- ❑ 6. Watch TV with your child. Help him be a critical viewer by asking him questions about what he sees. Would he do what the character did?
- ❑ 7. Test your child's observation skills. Can she describe someone that just passed her on the street?
- ❑ 8. Choose a recipe from another country or culture. Prepare it together.
- ❑ 9. Make today punctuation day. See how many types of punctuation you and your child come across. What does each do?
- ❑ 10. Talk with your child about a recent choice you have made and its consequences.
- ❑ 11. Get in the habit of using Sunday nights to talk with your child about the week ahead.
- ❑ 12. Do "body arithmetic." Ask your child how much his fingers, knees, toes and nose add up to.
- ❑ 13. When your child brings home a test, talk about what she got right before discussing her errors. What can she can learn from both?
- ❑ 14. With your child, learn how to say "I love you" in three other languages.
- ❑ 15. Look at car ads in the newspaper or online. Encourage your child to design and name a new car.
- ❑ 16. Play a game that uses math skills, such as Go Fish or Gin Rummy.
- ❑ 17. Help your child turn snapshots of family members into a mobile. Hang it where everyone can see it.
- ❑ 18. When your child comes home, have him draw something that he did in school. Then talk about it.
- ❑ 19. Help your child start a family newsletter.
- ❑ 20. Save old socks to make puppets with your child. Encourage her to put on a puppet show.
- ❑ 21. Have your child rank homework assignments in order of priority.
- ❑ 22. It's the birthday of George Washington. Help your child learn a new fact about this famous president.
- ❑ 23. Have your child draw a window picture. He can look out the window and draw what he sees!
- ❑ 24. Set aside time today to work on a hobby with your child.
- ❑ 25. Have a silent supper. During dessert, have family members share what they were thinking about.
- ❑ 26. On a map, have your child find countries her ancestors came from.
- ❑ 27. Talk with your child about courage and people who exemplify it.
- ❑ 28. At bedtime, allow a few minutes after the light is off for a quiet conversation with your child.

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