

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. Challenge your child to start a neighborhood newsletter.
- ☐ 2. Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading one of his books aloud. Have your child make up his own fantastic rhymes.
- ☐ 3. Have your child watch for changes in plant and animal life in your neighborhood. Keep notes in a journal.
- ☐ 4. Talk with your child about a choice you have made. Then talk about the consequence.
- ☐ 5. Try a new kind of transportation with your child, such as a bus, subway or train.
- ☐ 6. Go to a nearby park or running trail. Have family members run like the March wind!
- ☐ 7. Have a family dinner tonight by candlelight.
- ☐ 8. Make a costume box for your child. Fill it with hats, shoes and a variety of old clothes.
- ☐ 9. Ask your child, "What are you thinking right now?"
- ☐ 10. Help your child to do a secret good deed for a friend or neighbor.
- ☐ 11. Write a nice note to your child and tuck it into her backpack.
- ☐ 12. It's Women's History Month. Visit the library and have your child check out a book about a famous woman.
- ☐ 13. Test your child's knowledge of some facts, such as the name of the president of the United States.
- ☐ 14. Fill a dishpan with water. Help your child test an assortment of objects. Which will float? Which will sink?
- ☐ 15. Ask your child to figure out which way the wind is blowing by using his finger or looking at the trees.
- ☐ 16. Plan a No-TV Night. Read, play games or listen to music together instead.



- ☐ 17. Let your child use a toothpick dipped in lemon juice to write a message. To decipher it, hold the paper up to a light bulb!
- ☐ 18. Watch the news with your child. Choose a "Person of the Week." Help your child find a source to read more about that person.
- ☐ 19. Plan a meal with your child. How many food groups can you include? Let your child help you prepare the meal.
- ☐ 20. Today is the first day of spring. Make a list of spring words with your child. Then ask her to put them together to make a poem.
- ☐ 21. Ask your child what he would do with five dollars.
- ☐ 22. Celebrate National Noodle Month. Fix pasta for dinner!
- ☐ 23. Give your child some objects to organize.
- ☐ 24. Today is the birthday of magician Harry Houdini. Learn a magic trick with your child.
- ☐ 25. Play a card game, such as Go Fish, with your child.
- ☐ 26. Open a savings account for your child.
- ☐ 27. Ask your child to use a "radio announcer voice" when reading to you.
- ☐ 28. Have your child write a list of the TV shows she plans to watch next week. If you approve them, stick to the list!
- ☐ 29. Ask your child to draw a self-portrait.
- ☐ 30. Does your child know your state flower? If not, have him look it up.
- ☐ 31. Talk about ways your child can handle stress, such as by taking deep breaths.

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