

Daily Learning Planner

*Ideas families can use to help children
do well in school*

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Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Families Can Use to Help Children Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

- When your child brings home graded schoolwork, talk about things your student did correctly before discussing errors.
- Start a family savings jar. As a family, discuss what the goal will be and how much each person wants to donate.
- Role-play a sticky situation with your child. What would your elementary schooler do if friends were teasing someone at school?
- Plan a family talent show. Have everyone practice their acts this week.
- Do a crossword or other word puzzle with your child.
- Ask your child to tell you what *fairness* looks like. What things show fairness in action?
- Help your child start a collection. Provide a place to keep it—a box, a shelf, a drawer.
- Celebrate National Popcorn Poppin' Month. Pop some popcorn to enjoy together during family reading time.
- Review math facts at the dinner table tonight. Take turns quizzing one another.
- Help your child create a personal dictionary. In a notebook, your student can write down new words found while reading and their definitions.
- Ask your child to predict how long tasks and activities will take today and then time them.
- Celebrate National School Lunch Week. Talk with your child about nutritious food choices for lunch.
- Look through a newspaper with your child. Which headlines interest your student? Read an article together and discuss it.
- Create an art gallery. Display your child's artwork in frames. Rotate the art frequently.
- Cut out four pictures from advertisements or magazines. Ask your child to tell you a story that involves something from each picture.
- Together, make up a song featuring your child's name.
- With your child, make a fall table decoration.
- Have a "silent supper." During dessert, have everyone share what they were thinking about when it was quiet.
- Take turns with your child coming up with words with both a *prefix* and a *suffix* (such as *replacement*).
- Using flash cards is an effective way to memorize facts. Encourage your child to take them along in the car and use travel time for review.
- Have your child glue craft sticks together to make a frame for a favorite picture. Suggest using crayons or markers to decorate it.
- Set aside some time to work on a hobby with your child.
- At dinner, ask each family member to share the week's experiences.
- Tell your child, "I love you" today and every day.
- Put on music and spend 15 minutes drawing or writing with your child. Let the music be your inspiration.
- What's the average age of members of your family? Ask your child to add up the ages, then divide by number of family members.
- Challenge your child to build an animal out of five pipe cleaners.
- Ask your child to write step-by-step directions for how to do something. Follow the directions exactly. Was anything missing?
- Get some exercise with your child. Pick an activity you both enjoy.
- Read a book about your town or state with your child today.
- Help your child learn how to count to 10 in at least three languages.