

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!

- 1. Watch a TV show or video with your child. Ask questions such as "Why do you think that character did that?"
- 2. Ask your child what he would do if he were invisible for a day.
- 3. Let your child quiz *you* about things she is learning in school.
- 4. Have your child pick a word. Together, put its letters in alphabetical order.
- 5. Make up a story with your child.
- 6. Do a crossword puzzle together. It's a great way to learn new words.
- 7. Hold a family meeting. Make some goals as a family.
- 8. Have your child replace adjectives on a printed ad with their opposites.
- 9. Squash is a Native American vegetable. When you're in the supermarket, choose a new squash to try.
- 10. Ask your child to pretend he's the town mayor for a day. Have him list three ideas to make your community stronger.
- 11. Exchange notes with your child instead of talking. (It's great when things get noisy!)
- 12. When you buy something, ask your child to figure how much tax you will be charged.
- 13. Make an "I am special" scrapbook with your child.
- 14. Plan a family talent show. Have everyone practice their acts this week.
- 15. With your child, make awards (enough for all) for your talent show.
- 16. Think of a meaningful quotation you love. Post it where your child will see it.
- 17. Hum a song and see if your child can guess its name.
- 18. Make a jigsaw puzzle with your child. Glue a picture from a catalog or magazine onto cardboard. Cut it into puzzle pieces.
- 19. Talk with your child about a choice one of you needs to make. Discuss all the options and possible consequences.
- 20. Encourage your child to write a thank-you note to a favorite teacher this month.
- 21. See how many ways your child can write a number. For example, 4 can be written 1+3, 2+2 or 6-2.
- 22. Draw a picture of a word. See if your child can guess the word. Then let your child pick a word to draw.
- 23. Be creative in the kitchen. See who can invent the greatest tasting new pizza topping.
- 24. Ask your child to guess how many times she blinks in a minute. Then check!
- 25. Make a list of all the things that make your family members thankful.
- 26. Have your child write directions for making his favorite sandwich. Then follow them together.
- 27. Help your child write a letter to the editor of the local newspaper about an issue affecting children.
- 28. At bedtime tonight, tell your child a story about yourself when you were her age.
- 29. Keep track of everything your family eats for a day. What changes could you make to eat more healthfully?
- 30. It's the birthday of American author Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain). Read one of his stories with your child.