

Daily Learning Planner

*Ideas parents can use to help students
do well in school.*

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

- 1. Talk with your child about a current event that is happening in another country. Discuss ways it could affect your family.
- 2. Students who earn good grades usually take good notes. Encourage your child to take notes and study them.
- 3. Visit the grocery store spice aisle. Have your child calculate the difference in price per pound between the cheapest spice and the most expensive.
- 4. Find a place in your home for your child to display things she's proud of, such as awards and good grades.
- 5. Help your child make a time line of his life.
- 6. When disagreeing with your child, focus more on solutions than blame.
- 7. Talk with your child about what to do in an emergency situation.
- 8. At the library, find a book of sayings. Read and discuss one saying every day with your child.
- 9. Do a crossword puzzle with your child.
- 10. Teach your child an acronym, such as HOMES for the Great Lakes—Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, Superior.
- 11. Say to your child, "If there's anything you need to talk about, I'm here to listen."
- 12. Use natural consequences when you can. If your child forgets her homework, she'll get a zero—and will be less likely to forget again!
- 13. Ask your child what five questions he thinks most kids his age would like to be asked.
- 14. Tell your child why you are so happy to be her parent.
- 15. Books are great gifts for kids. Ask your librarian to recommend some.
- 16. Ask your child what he thinks it means to be a leader.
- 17. Encourage your child to prioritize her assignments each day, and to do them in order of importance.
- 18. Help your child think of tough situations he might face. How would he handle them?
- 19. Ask your child to tell you about the best dream she has ever had. Share yours with her.
- 20. Limit interruptions during your child's homework time.
- 21. Write your child a letter about the day he was born.
- 22. Make a "world time" display with several clocks. Have your child set them to times in different countries.
- 23. Go on a nature walk with your child. What can you find that you haven't seen before?
- 24. Ask your child to clip grocery store coupons for items on your grocery list. Agree to split the savings.
- 25. Talk with your child about setting priorities.
- 26. Teach your child that sports should be for fun. Winning isn't the only goal and good sportsmanship is essential.
- 27. Does your child study well with others? If so, let her start a study group.
- 28. Kids who have trouble sitting still to read may enjoy audio books.
- 29. Have your child write a letter to a company. He could compliment a product or express a concern or complaint.
- 30. Work on a hobby with your child.



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