

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. Ask your child, "If you could meet anyone from the past, who would it be? What questions would you ask?"
- 2. Have your child tell you about something he brought home from school, such as a book, test or art project.
- 3. Teach your child how to play chess, checkers or dominoes.
- 4. Stage a family fire drill. Make sure your smoke alarms work.
- 5. Ask your child what five rules she would make if she were the head of the household.
- 6. Start a family TV diary. Track what—and how much—you're watching.
- 7. As you drive, talk about traffic safety with your child.
- 8. Good report card? High grade on a test? Celebrate your child's success!
- 9. Take turns making statements with your child. Identify each one as *fact* or *opinion*.
- 10. Teach your child ways to conserve resources. Encourage him to reuse old papers that are blank on one side.
- 11. Learn calligraphy with your child.
- 12. Review the goals your family set for the new year. Is everyone working toward them as planned?
- 13. If your child could redesign her room any way she wanted, what would she do? Ask her.
- 14. Today is Pi Day. Pi is a mathematical constant that starts with 3.14. Help your child learn more about pi on the internet.
- 15. Discuss your child's ethnic background with him.
- 16. If your child is a perfectionist, consider limiting the number of times she can redo an assignment.
- 17. Let your child invite a friend to join your family for dinner.
- 18. Focus on things your child does well today. Give him specific praise.
- 19. Discuss with your child the fact that rights come with responsibilities.
- 20. Keep the TV out of your child's room. It distracts from schoolwork, reading and sleep.
- 21. Challenge your child to do as many push-ups as she can.
- 22. On days without homework, have your child use the time to review.
- 23. Ask your child to go on a "fraction search" through the newspaper. Which sections have the most fractions?
- 24. Avoid disciplining your child in front of his friends. Save it for when you are alone.
- 25. Talk with your child about dating. Share your values and standards.
- 26. Make up trivia questions about your family. Quiz each other at the dinner table.
- 27. Ask your child to tell you her favorite family memory.
- 28. Tell your child about a tough choice you had to make. Then talk about the consequences.
- 29. Have your child show you some websites she has used to get help with homework.
- 30. Have your child check out the online edition of the local newspaper.
- 31. Challenge your child to find out how his name would be pronounced in another language.



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