

Daily Learning Planner

*Ideas parents can use to help children
prepare for school.*

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

- 1. Take an imaginary space trip with your child. What would your space-ship look like? Which planets would you visit?
- 2. Let your child help make dinner.
- 3. Make a jigsaw puzzle with your child. Glue a picture from a magazine onto cardboard. Cut it into puzzle pieces.
- 4. Play music while your family does chores today.
- 5. Check out a book about origami—the Japanese art of paper folding. Together, try to make some interesting shapes.
- 6. Ask your child to help you plan a fun activity.
- 7. Ask your child to design and name a new car. Look at car advertisements in the newspaper for ideas.
- 8. Hold a family meeting. Make some goals as a family.
- 9. Help your child start a collection.
- 10. Have family members take turns being artists and models. The models pose while the artists draw them.
- 11. Set bedtime a little earlier. Allow your child to keep the light on as long as she is reading.
- 12. Have your child write his name in a vertical column. He can use each letter to begin a line of a poem.
- 13. Use old coffee cans to set up a golf course in your yard. Sticks can be used as golf clubs.
- 14. Ask your child to name her favorite thing about you.
- 15. Find something small enough to fit in your pocket. Have your child write a story about it.
- 16. Ask your child to choose a country and learn more about it.
- 17. If you drive anywhere today, show your child the route on a map. Ask him to be your navigator.
- 18. Sit face-to-face with your child. Begin moving. Have her pretend that she is a mirror and must do exactly what you do.
- 19. Sponsor a summer-long contest. Who in your family can read the most books?
- 20. Plan a no-TV night.
- 21. Draw a picture with your child today. Hang it on the refrigerator.
- 22. Ask your child to name places where water is found.
- 23. Ask your child to write a poem about his favorite thing to do.
- 24. Ask a librarian to recommend some award-winning books.
- 25. Share a book about science with your child today.
- 26. When your child asks a question you can't answer, write it down. Keep a list of questions to look up at the library or on the Internet.
- 27. Have your child read to you while you're in the car today.
- 28. Have your child write a list of things you both hope to do this summer.
- 29. Help your child set a goal for this week.
- 30. Have a silent conversation with your child. Draw whatever you want to say.
- 31. Ask your child what she thinks the world will be like in 10 years.



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