

Daily Learning Planner

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

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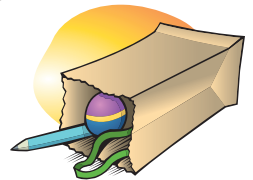


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Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Parents Can Use to Help Children Do Better in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

- 1. Try a new kind of transportation with your child, such as a bus or train.
- 2. Talk with your child about what she does *right*. List as many things as you can.
- 3. Choose one or two of your child's interests. Discuss educational opportunities in those areas.
- 4. Clean out closets with your child. Donate extras to charity.
- 5. Talk about your child's schedule. Does he have enough "down time"?
- 6. Visit the library. Check out a book about African American history. Talk about your own family history.
- 7. Get to know your town. Look in the newspaper for a list of things to do. Which ones appeal to your child?
- 8. Today is the birthday of Jules Verne. Use a globe or atlas to help your child plan a "trip" around the world.
- 9. Check out a funny book at the library. Share it at dinner.
- 10. Show your love for your child by reading to her.
- 11. Ask your child to give you a "six o'clock report" about his day. He should pretend he's a news anchor.
- 12. Make a date to take your child out for breakfast. Then do something active together.
- 13. Find a world map at the library. Use your finger to trace where your family came from.
- 14. See how many red or heart-shaped foods you can serve for dinner tonight.
- 15. Have each family member bring an interesting fact to dinner.
- 16. Play a game of charades with your child. Use hand gestures and motions to describe your word.
- 17. Read a favorite fairy tale to your child.
- 18. A *rebus* is a story that replaces some words with pictures. Make a rebus with your child.
- 19. When your child makes a good decision, reward her with praise.
- 20. Good grade on a test? Make your child "King" or "Queen" for the day.
- 21. Put three items in a bag. Have your child and a friend use them as props for a five-minute skit.
- 22. It's the birthday of George Washington. How many facts can your child list about this famous president?
- 23. Talk about outer space with your child.
- 24. Are your kids fighting? Have them switch roles—it helps them see the other person's point of view.
- 25. Solve math problems with yummy treats. Use chocolate chips or gummy bears for adding and subtracting.
- 26. Start a family library. Let your child have his own space for his books.
- 27. Tie a string between two chairs. Use a balloon and play indoor volleyball with your child.
- 28. Talk with your child about choices and consequences.
- 29. It's a Leap Year. Have your child count to 100 by fours.



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