

# Daily Learning Planner

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

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

- 1. This is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Make sure everyone in your family has a library card—and uses it!
- 2. Designate a box, basket or folder as your child's "special place" to keep important papers.
- 3. Provide a regular place to display your child's best schoolwork. Change the display often.
- 4. Have a family dinner by candlelight. Share the week's experiences.
- 5. Teach your child how to make a healthy snack. Enjoy it together.
- 6. Tonight, talk with your child about the week ahead. Plan to do this every Sunday night.
- 7. Set a regular homework time. Choose the time with your child.
- 8. It's International Literacy Day. Read a favorite book with your child.
- 9. Hold a "guess that number" contest: "How many noodles are in this bag?" "How many cookies are in that box?"
- 10. Start a family savings jar. Decide on a goal together.
- 11. If you haven't met your child's teacher, plan to.
- 12. Take your child out for breakfast, or serve his favorite breakfast food at home.
- 13. Visit the library and help your child check out a book about space.
- 14. Ask what your child is most looking forward to this school year.
- 15. Talk about how to be safe going to and from school.
- 16. At dinner, talk about three ways you used math today. Ask everyone in the family to tell how they used math.
- 17. Today is Citizenship Day. With your child, discuss ways to be a good citizen.
- 18. Plan an early bedtime so everyone can read in bed.
- 19. Have your child name five jobs that interest her. Help her interview someone in at least one of these jobs or fields.
- 20. Have your child list the ways reading and writing happen in your house.
- 21. Write down 10 of your child's successes this week and 10 of your own. Post the list where you can both see it.
- 22. Have your child write or dictate a short story about a favorite teacher.
- 23. It's the Autumnal Equinox. Help your child look up the word *equinox*. What does it mean?
- 24. Watch the news with your child. On a world map, locate a place that was mentioned.
- 25. Help your child research a question that he does not know the answer to.
- 26. Johnny Appleseed was born in 1774. Visit a grocery store and choose a new variety of apple for lunch or a snack.
- 27. Make sure you and your child know school rules. Post the rules on your refrigerator.
- 28. Have your child set a weekly goal and write it down. You set one, too!
- 29. Have your child tell you her favorite animals and why she likes them.
- 30. Does your child know how many days each month has? Teach him the mnemonic rhyme "Thirty days hath ..."



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