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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. Challenge your child to start a neighborhood newsletter.
- ❑ 2. Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading one of his books aloud. Have your child make up his own fantastic rhymes.
- ❑ 3. Have your child watch for changes in plant and animal life in your neighborhood. Keep notes in a journal.
- ❑ 4. Talk with your child about a choice you have made. Then talk about the consequence.
- ❑ 5. Try a new kind of transportation with your child, such as a bus, subway or train.
- ❑ 6. Go to a nearby park or running trail. Have family members run like the March wind!
- ❑ 7. Have a family dinner tonight by candlelight.
- ❑ 8. Make a costume box for your child. Fill it with hats, shoes and a variety of old clothes.
- ❑ 9. Ask your child, "What are you thinking right now?"
- ❑ 10. Help your child to do a secret good deed for a friend or neighbor.
- ❑ 11. Write a nice note to your child and tuck it into her backpack.
- ❑ 12. It's Women's History Month. Visit the library and have your child check out a book about a famous woman.
- ❑ 13. Test your child's knowledge of some facts, such as the name of the president of the United States.
- ❑ 14. Fill a dishpan with water. Help your child test an assortment of objects. Which will float? Which will sink?
- ❑ 15. Ask your child to figure out which way the wind is blowing by using his finger or looking at the trees.
- ❑ 16. Plan a No-TV Night. Read, play games or listen to music together instead.

- ❑ 17. Let your child use a toothpick dipped in lemon juice to write a message. To decipher it, hold the paper up to a light bulb!
- ❑ 18. Watch the news with your child. Choose a "Person of the Week." Help your child find a source to read more about that person.
- ❑ 19. Plan a meal with your child. How many food groups can you include? Let your child help you prepare the meal.
- ❑ 20. Today is the first day of spring. Make a list of spring words with your child. Then ask her to put them together to make a poem.
- ❑ 21. Ask your child what he would do with five dollars.
- ❑ 22. Celebrate National Noodle Month. Fix pasta for dinner!
- ❑ 23. Give your child some objects to organize.
- ❑ 24. Today is the birthday of magician Harry Houdini. Learn a magic trick with your child.
- ❑ 25. Play a card game, such as Go Fish, with your child.
- ❑ 26. Open a savings account for your child.
- ❑ 27. Ask your child to use a "radio announcer voice" when reading to you.
- ❑ 28. Have your child write a list of the TV shows she plans to watch next week. If you approve them, stick to the list!
- ❑ 29. Ask your child to draw a self-portrait.
- ❑ 30. Does your child know your state flower? If not, have him look it up.
- ❑ 31. Talk about ways your child can handle stress, such as by taking deep breaths.

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