Daily Learning Planner

Ideas families can use to help children do well in school

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

- ❍ 1. Start a "chain of hearts." Cut out small hearts. Each day, write a reason you love your child on one and attach it to the chain.
- ❍ 2. It's Groundhog Day. How many words can your child make from the letters in GROUNDHOG?
- ❍ 3. Stuck inside due to bad weather? Take your shoes off and go "ice skating" in the kitchen together in your socks. Be careful!
- ❍ 4. Make up trivia questions about your family. Quiz one another at the dinner table.
- ❍ 5. How many types of punctuation can your child find in an article or short book? What does each do in a sentence?
- ❍ 6. If you don't have time to read to your child at night, read in the morning. It's a real "power breakfast."
- ❍ 7. At bedtime, take a few minutes to talk with your child about things that went well today.
- ❍ 8. Share family stories you can remember from when you were a child.
- ❍ 9. Talk with your child about the difference between courage and recklessness. It's not brave to take foolish risks.
- ❍ 10. Frame a special example of your child's artwork.
- ❍ 11. Plan a visit to an interesting museum with your child.
- ❍ 12. Read a nonfiction assignment with your child. Then ask your student to summarize it.
- ❍ 13. Pretend a circus is coming to town. Talk together about what you would see, hear and taste.
- ❍ 14. Discuss five positive things that make your child unique.
- ❍ 15. Do a crossword puzzle with your child. Or make up your own together.
- ❍ 16. Play a geography game. Someone names a city, state or river. The next person has to locate it on a map or globe.
- ❍ 17. Encourage your child to design and name a new car. What features would it have?
- ❍ 18. Help your child round up some friends and play a game together outside.
- ❍ 19. Have your child think of as many red foods as possible. See how many you can serve this week.
- ❍ 20. When your child has a problem, offer two possible solutions and let your child decide which one to choose.
- ❍ 21. Have your child make a list of all the weather words (*moisture*, *vortex*) in today's forecast.
- ❍ 22. Challenge family members to write, eat or do other activities with the hand they don't favor.
- ❍ 23. Play a rhyming game. Take turns making up a short sentence. Answer with a sentence that rhymes.
- ❍ 24. Take your child outside for a "listening minute." Each of you close your eyes and try to name the sounds you hear.
- ❍ 25. Check out an adventure story from the library to read with your child.
- ❍ 26. Ask your child to use a ruler or measuring tape to measure and record the dimensions of objects in your house.
- ❍ 27. Have your child draw what is visible outside a window in your home.
- ❍ 28. Ask your child *how* and *why* questions to provide experience answering questions that require reasoning.

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