

Daily Learning Planner

*Ideas families can use to help students
do well in school*

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

- 1. Help your child look up symbols that speed up note-taking, such as *w/* for *with* and *cf.* for *compared to*.
- 2. Keep talking about school. Every day, ask what your child is doing and thinking about.
- 3. At dinner, have family members take turns quizzing one another on geographic locations of countries. Check answers on a map or globe.
- 4. Discuss the importance of being on time. It's a meaningful way to show respect for others.
- 5. Make plans to visit the high school your child will attend this month. Talk together about which classes and activities interest your student.
- 6. Does your child forget to bring home needed materials for assignments? Suggest keeping a take-home checklist in a binder for the last class.
- 7. Ask what your child would do if a friend stole something.
- 8. Give your child a news article to read. Share your opinions about it.
- 9. Share stress-relieving tips with your child, such as counting to 10 silently when feeling upset.
- 10. Want to improve communication with your middle schooler? Be an attentive listener.
- 11. Ask your child to guess the purpose of a homework assignment. Knowing the reason for something can be motivating.
- 12. Choose a word of the day. Challenge family members to learn and use it during the day.
- 13. Talk about a time when your child's persistence led to success.
- 14. Discuss a controversial issue with your child. Ask, "What do you think?"
- 15. Read a poem aloud. Stop to let your child guess what the next rhyming word will be.
- 16. Make an appointment with your child to do something fun together. Write it on your calendar.
- 17. Browse through your child's school books. Discuss the material your student is studying.
- 18. Remember that the key to getting your child's respect is showing your child respect.
- 19. Talk together about people your child admires. Discuss the reasons why.
- 20. Start a conversation by noticing nonverbal cues. If your child is smiling, say, "You seem happy."
- 21. Encourage imagination. Where would your child like to travel? What might those places be like?
- 22. Talk about the difference between *goals* and *dreams*. A goal is a dream with a deadline.
- 23. With your child, think of interesting questions and guess the answers. Then, have your student research to see if you were right.
- 24. Say "Thank you" when your child helps around the house.
- 25. Create a spot at home where family members can display things they are proud of.
- 26. Help your child prepare for tests by making and taking a practice test.
- 27. Encourage your child to sort books by subject.
- 28. Ask if your child thinks you have ever imposed a consequence that was really unfair. Why is that?
- 29. Stay quiet when you drive your child and friends. Listen and learn.
- 30. Volunteering can help your child learn more about the community while helping others.
- 31. Patiently explain the reason for a rule your child doesn't like.