

# 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. Ask what your child thinks is humanity's greatest invention.
2. Ask your student to teach you something, such as how to use a computer program or app.
3. Stay positive when helping your child with schoolwork, especially if your student is discouraged.
4. Remind your child that "neatness counts," and sloppy work—particularly in math—leads to errors.
5. Talk about the systems of the human body with your child.
6. Look over your child's recent assignments. Ask questions to help your middle schooler review.
7. Have your child make a collage of pictures of athletes in different sports. Talk about different healthy body types.
8. Exchange notes with your child instead of talking for part of the day.
9. Challenge your child to classify living animals near your home: *amphibian, mammal, bird, reptile, fish, insect* or *crustacean*.
10. Have your child estimate how long an assignment will take. Then, time how long it actually takes and compare.
11. Ask your child to teach you a word or two of the slang middle schoolers use. Don't try to use them yourself, however.
12. Give family members marshmallows and uncooked spaghetti. See who can build the tallest tower.
13. Assemble a family first aid kit. Make sure everyone knows where it is.
14. When you talk with your child, don't speak for more than 30 seconds at a time before letting your child have a turn to speak.
15. Talk about hygiene with your child. Explain that proper hygiene shows respect for oneself and others.
16. Look for a set of instructions written in several different languages. Can your child guess what languages they are?
17. If your child could learn anything this summer, what would it be?
18. Ask your child to recommend a book for you to read.
19. How many two-scoop combinations can your child make with three flavors of ice cream?
20. Will your child have a summer reading list for school? Find out now how to borrow titles from the library, if necessary.
21. When you set a rule for your child, ask yourself, "Am I setting an example by following this rule?"
22. Let your child pick a topic. Together, think of as many things as possible that are connected to it.
23. Watch a history program on TV with your child.
24. Name a famous person and have your child guess what the person is famous for. Then it's your child's turn to name someone.
25. Talk about a current event that is happening in another country.
26. Tell your child to think before posting online, "Would I be uncomfortable if my teacher saw this?"
27. Discuss the meaning of some common sayings to your child, such as "Beauty is only skin deep" and "Winning isn't everything."
28. Ask your child, "What do you think is the most important thing you have learned at school so far this year?"
29. Treat food as fuel. Don't turn it into something your child "earns" for behaving well or "loses" when behaving badly.
30. If your child tells a lie, ask, "What got in the way of telling the truth?"
31. Let your child see you being honest, dependable and accountable.