

# 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. Do a taste test with your child. Try different brands of a food you like. Which one tastes better?
- 2. Celebrate Groundhog Day by having your child trace items' shadows at different times of day. Compare the shadows.
- 3. Ask your child, "If you had to name your three best qualities, what would you say?"
- 4. Remind your child how important it is to turn in schoolwork. Just one zero can bring a grade down an entire letter.
- 5. Teach your child symbols that speed up note-taking, such as *w/* for *with*.
- 6. Have your child write a Valentine's message to someone who is sick or lonely and mail it to that person.
- 7. Make up trivia questions about your family. Quiz each other at dinner.
- 8. Review the school's safety and security procedures with your child.
- 9. Challenge your child to figure out how many square feet of carpet it would take to cover the living room floor.
- 10. Play a board game or card game together. Let your middle schooler choose what to play.
- 11. Pick a category, such as birds or desserts. Together, think of as many examples as possible that fit into it.
- 12. Show your love for your child by giving a genuine and specific compliment.
- 13. Help your child schedule enough time to complete assignments or work on a school project over the weekend.
- 14. Have each family member create a collage from magazine pictures. Can everyone guess who made each one?
- 15. Look for a product label written in several different languages. Can your child guess what languages they are?
- 16. It's Presidents' Day. At dinner, study the list of U.S. presidents. Who can memorize the most, in order?
- 17. Check on your child's supply of paper, pencils and other school supplies. Replace needed items.
- 18. Write an encouraging note and tuck it in your child's school bag.
- 19. Look at a map of the U.S. or Canada with your child. Point to a region your family has never visited. What does your child know about it?
- 20. Help your child think about the snacks your family eats. Could you make some healthier choices?
- 21. Challenge your child to list all the planets in our solar system in order of distance from the sun. Can your student name any of their moons?
- 22. Notice whether your middle schooler is finishing schoolwork on time. If so, praise your child for being responsible.
- 23. Start a long-term project with your child, such as a jigsaw puzzle. Return to it from time to time and don't give up.
- 24. Watch a movie based on a play or a book with your child.
- 25. Ask your child, "What do you think would happen if everyone ignored laws for a day?"
- 26. Help your child use small chunks of time as opportunities to start on assignments or review.
- 27. Watch your child's favorite TV show together. Ask questions, such as "Who is your favorite character?"
- 28. Ask your child to do mental math, such as estimating the cost per serving of a meal based on the price of ingredients.