

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. Look for events planned for African American History Month. Choose one to attend with your child.
- 2. It's Groundhog Day. How many words can your child make from the letters in GROUNDHOG?
- 3. Stuck inside with bad weather? Help your child create an indoor golf game. Brainstorm what to use for clubs, balls and holes.
- 4. Have your child write directions for making a sandwich. Follow them exactly. How does it turn out?
- 5. It's Punctuation Day! How many types of punctuation can your child find? What does each do in a sentence?
- 6. Visit the library. Read an adventure story together.
- 7. At bedtime, take a few minutes after the light is off to have a quiet conversation with your child.
- 8. Tuck a valentine in your child's lunch every day this week. Write a special "I love you" message on each.
- 9. Talk with your child about all the things she does right.
- 10. Frame a special example of your child's art work.
- 11. Have your child make a list of all the weather words (*moisture, vortex*) he can find on the newspaper's weather page.
- 12. Can you and your child name an animal that starts with each letter of the alphabet? (It's okay to leave out X.)
- 13. Pretend a circus is coming to town. Talk together about what you would see, hear and taste.
- 14. Tell your child five things you love best about her.
- 15. Do a crossword puzzle with your child. Or make up your own together.



- 16. Encourage your child to design and name a new car.
- 17. Review spelling or vocabulary words with your child tonight.
- 18. Go "ice skating" in the kitchen together. Wearing only socks, pretend you're on the ice. Be careful!
- 19. Have your child think of as many red foods as he can. See how many you can serve this weekend.
- 20. Visit the library. Check out a biography of a prominent African American to read with your child.
- 21. Set aside time today to work on a hobby with your child.
- 22. It's George Washington's birthday. How many facts can your child list about this famous president?
- 23. If you don't have time to read to your child at night, read in the morning. It's a real "power breakfast."
- 24. With your child, turn old snapshots or drawings of family members into a family mobile.
- 25. Play a rhyming game. Take turns making up a short sentence. Answer with a sentence that rhymes.
- 26. Ask family members, "If you were an animal, which animal would you be and why?"
- 27. Have your child look out the window and draw what she sees.
- 28. Visit an interesting museum with your child today.
- 29. Ask your child to teach you a song.

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