

Daily Learning Planner

Ideas families can use to help children
do well in school

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- 1. Write the word *summer* vertically. Have your child use each letter to start a line of a poem about summer.
- 2. Help your child round up some friends and play a game together outside.
- 3. Find some interesting words in advertisements. Help your child look them up in a dictionary.
- 4. Head outside with your child. Use sidewalk chalk to do some math problems together.
- 5. Help your child make a poster listing some summer safety tips.
- 6. Create a costume box for your child. Add washed yard sale treasures, such as big shirts, scarves and jewelry.
- 7. Read a favorite fairy tale to your child.
- 8. Visit an interesting place in your town. Have your child create an ad to tell others about it.
- 9. Talk to your child about how name-calling hurts everyone.
- 10. Most libraries have summer reading programs for kids. Sign your child up today.
- 11. Teach your child to tell time on a clock with hands, not just a digital one.
- 12. Give your child a notebook to use as a journal. Set aside 10 minutes each day for writing in it.
- 13. Have a scavenger hunt outside. Challenge your child to find specific items (a round pebble, a fallen leaf, a Y-shaped stick, etc.).
- 14. Just for fun, serve a backward dinner tonight. Eat dessert first.
- 15. Help your child plan three healthy breakfasts to rotate on weekdays.
- 16. Take a walk with your child and use all five senses to observe the world around you.
- 17. Ask your child to list items your family would need if you were going on a long hike.
- 18. Choose a TV show to watch together. Then, ask for your child's opinions about the show you watched.
- 19. Have your child select a newspaper headline and turn it into a question. Does the article answer the question?
- 20. Use two new words at the dinner table tonight. Talk about their meanings.
- 21. Have your child write a list of goals for the summer.
- 22. Does your child need some new books? Set up a neighborhood book swap.
- 23. Ask your child, "If you could be a character from a book, which one would you be? Why?"
- 24. Help your child make unusual prints. Dip flowers or other objects into paint and then press them onto paper.
- 25. Have a summer contest. Who in your family can read the most books?
- 26. On a sunny day, stand on the driveway or sidewalk with your child. Trace your shadows with chalk.
- 27. Write down a long word, such as *achievement*. How many smaller words can your child create using only the letters in the long word?
- 28. Practice division. Ask your child, "How many of your lifetimes has Grandma lived?"
- 29. Have your child find things at home today that start with each letter of the alphabet.
- 30. Together, draw pictures of things that make you happy.

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- 1. Pop some popcorn and play a board game with your child.
- 2. Will your child need a physical exam for school this fall? If so, make an appointment now.
- 3. Have your child identify a plant or animal outside and learn as much as possible about it.
- 4. Talk about the word *independence* with your child today. What does it mean?
- 5. Help your child make an “I’m bored” box. Fill it with craft activities and things to read.
- 6. Review math facts tonight. Encourage your child to make and use flash cards so math skills won’t slip over the summer.
- 7. Tonight, allow a few minutes after the light is off for quiet conversation with your child.
- 8. Save the seeds from a fruit your child eats. Have your child plant them in a paper cup, water them and see if they grow.
- 9. Have your child practice counting to 10 in a foreign language.
- 10. Use a cotton swab dipped in lemon juice to write a message. Have your child hold the paper up to a light bulb to read it.
- 11. Give your child a book or article to read about a favorite hobby.
- 12. Is your child turning into a summer couch potato? Limit screen activities and encourage outdoor play.
- 13. Teach your child to disagree respectfully.
- 14. Make a paper crown and let your child play Ruler For a Day. What rules will your child set?
- 15. Hide an object and give your child clues to find it.

- 16. As a family, brainstorm ways you could beautify your neighborhood.
- 17. Challenge your child to draw a map of your town with chalk on the sidewalk or driveway.
- 18. Help your child make a fruit salad. Include at least one new or unfamiliar fruit.
- 19. Plan an indoor “campout” with your child.
- 20. Start a list of places your family would like to visit. Help your child research these places online.
- 21. Make paper frames for your child’s recent artwork and create a gallery.
- 22. Laugh together! Tell your child a joke, read a funny story or poem, sing a silly song or draw a cartoon.
- 23. Practice making decisions as a family.
- 24. Teach a new card game to your child. Play it with the whole family tonight.
- 25. Choose a new recipe. Have fun making it with your child.
- 26. Challenge your child to draw an upside-down picture.
- 27. Ask your child a silly math question: “How many hours until this time next week?”
- 28. Go for a walk or bike ride today. Challenge each other to spot something you haven’t seen before.
- 29. Try a new sport with your child.
- 30. Find out what school supplies your child will need.
- 31. Have your child select 10 words off the side of a cereal box. Each of you write a story using those words. Compare tales.

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- 1. Ask your child, “If you could meet a famous person, who would it be?”
- 2. With your child, use your bodies to make shapes and letters.
- 3. Help your elementary schooler check out back-to-school sales ads. Look for the best buys.
- 4. Freeze fruit juices in ice cube trays to make popsicles. Enjoy them with your child.
- 5. Take a compass (or use a compass app on your phone) on a walk with your child. Write down each direction you take.
- 6. Help your child make a list of goals for the coming school year.
- 7. Start now to get your child into a school-year bedtime routine.
- 8. Ask what your child enjoyed most this summer.
- 9. Help your child make a list of items your family can recycle.
- 10. Talk about how excited you are for the start of a new school year. Your positive attitude will be contagious.
- 11. Do a crossword puzzle with your child today.
- 12. Make sure you and your child know where and when the school bus will stop.
- 13. Find a picture of Vincent van Gogh’s artwork. Encourage your child to paint a landscape in van Gogh’s style.
- 14. Play two different types of music. Ask your child to describe the feelings each one inspires.
- 15. Ask to hear about a book your child recently read.
- 16. Play Math Jeopardy. Say a number and see who can come up with a problem for which it is the answer.
- 17. Talk with your child about school bus safety.

- 18. Help your child clean out a closet. Pass on unused toys or clothes in good condition to other families.
- 19. Find a simple science experiment in a library book or online to do with your child today.
- 20. Serve your family a new food. Then have your child write and act out a commercial for it.
- 21. Encourage your child to reconnect with school friends.
- 22. Have your child give you examples of a complete sentence, an incomplete sentence and a run-on sentence.
- 23. Ask your child, “What is the most incredible thing that’s ever happened to you?”
- 24. Discuss your family’s fall routine. Make plans to eat at least one meal a day together.
- 25. Go for a reading picnic with your child. Take some books, a snack and a blanket to sit on.
- 26. Give your child a measuring tape. Ask your student to measure the height, width and depth of objects in your house.
- 27. Establish a positive organization habit. Help your child put out clothes for the next day the night before.
- 28. Think of a motivating quotation you love. Post it where your child will see it.
- 29. Help your child research a question you don’t know the answer to.
- 30. Fall activities will soon begin. Avoid overscheduling your child. Remember, schoolwork comes first.
- 31. Fill a jar with jelly beans or other small items. Ask everyone to estimate how many are in the jar. Then have your child count them.

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