Daily Learning Planner

Ideas parents can use to help children do well in school

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- ❑ 1. Talk about careers with your child. What does she think she would like to do when she grows up?
- ❑ 2. List five of your child's successes this week. List five of your own. Post the lists where you can both see them.
- ❑ 3. Have your child teach you something he needs to learn for homework. It's an effective way to reinforce learning.
- ❑ 4. At dinner, talk about how family members are achieving their weekly goals. Celebrate everyone's efforts.
- ❑ 5. Sometime today, exchange notes with your child instead of talking.
- ❑ 6. With your child, record the shape of the moon every night this month.
- ❑ 7. Read a book about your town or state with your child this weekend.
- ❑ 8. It's Fire Prevention Week. Plan a safe escape route at your house.
- ❑ 9. Today's news is history in the making. Watch the news with your child.
- ❑ 10. Have a contest: How many words can you and your child make from the letters in OCTOBER?
- ❑ 11. Ask your child about the best present she ever got. What made it special?
- ❑ 12. Take a walk and look for signs of fall. See if your child can identify any of the trees you pass.
- ❑ 13. Start a project with your child. Make plans to work on it regularly.
- ❑ 14. Make a leaf rubbing. Place a leaf on newspaper. Cover it with thin paper and have your child rub over the leaf with a crayon.
- ❑ 15. Make today dictionary day. Talk with your child about new words that should be in the dictionary.
- ❑ 16. Set aside time every day for reading aloud. Sometimes, let your child read to you.
- ❑ 17. Exercise with your child. Pick an activity you both enjoy, such as biking or tossing a ball.
- ❑ 18. Have your child make a chart of the types of birds he sees.
- ❑ 19. Look through the newspaper with your child. What headlines interest her? Read an article together and discuss it.
- ❑ 20. With your child, fill in blanks on the calendar with weather reports, birthdays, special activities or notes to each other.
- ❑ 21. Visit the library and check out a mystery book to read together.
- ❑ 22. Keep a stash of reading materials in your car. Read with your child while standing in line at a store or waiting at the doctor's.
- ❑ 23. Make a big pot of soup. Let your child help with measuring.
- ❑ 24. Plan an imaginary vacation with your child.
- ❑ 25. Review math facts at the dinner table tonight.
- ❑ 26. Have your child read to you as you clean up after a meal. Or read to your child as she cleans up!
- ❑ 27. Give your child a hug today.
- ❑ 28. Together, learn to say *hello* in two other languages.
- ❑ 29. Help your child time different activities he does in a day.
- ❑ 30. Encourage your child to draw a self-portrait.
- ❑ 31. Choose an object, such as a paper clip. Ask your child to figure out different ways to use it.

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