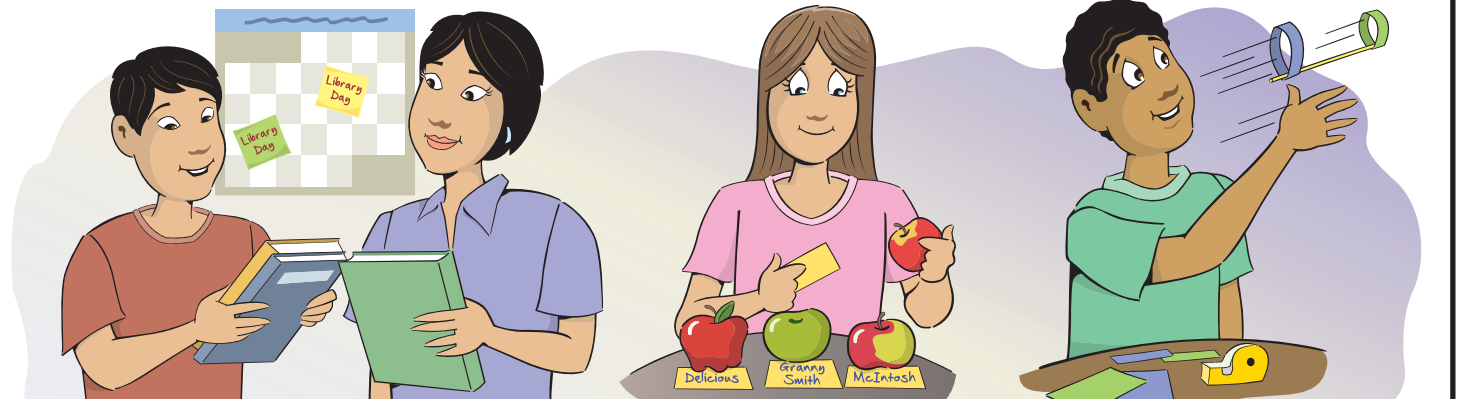


Daily Learning Planner

*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. Write a nice note and tuck it into your child's backpack.
- ☐ 2. Ask your child, "What do you think middle school will be like?"
- ☐ 3. Check out a book about *origami*—the Japanese art of paper folding. Together, try to make some interesting shapes.
- ☐ 4. Ask your child to go through grocery store coupons and sale fliers. Are there any great deals on items you normally buy?
- ☐ 5. How many types of punctuation can your child find today?
- ☐ 6. Use old coffee cans to set up a golf course outside. Let your child use sticks as golf clubs.
- ☐ 7. Quiz your child's knowledge of some facts, such as who the president of the United States is.
- ☐ 8. Turn on some music that has no words. Give your child a crayon and paper and ask him to draw the music.
- ☐ 9. Shop for salad materials at the grocery store. Pick one unfamiliar vegetable. At home, prepare the salad together.
- ☐ 10. Talk about ways your child can handle stress.
- ☐ 11. Ask your child to name 10 items that can be found in a dentist's office.
- ☐ 12. Ask, "What do you think is the best part about being a parent?"
- ☐ 13. Get an audio recorder and record a conversation with your child. Listen to it together and talk about how your voices sound.
- ☐ 14. Teach your child the meaning of *homographs*—words that are spelled the same but have different meanings, such as *lead* (the metal) and *lead* (to go before).
- ☐ 15. Challenge your child to do a secret good deed for someone.
- ☐ 16. Encourage everyone in the family to use the words *please*, *thank you* and *excuse me* today.
- ☐ 17. Challenge your child to start her own club.
- ☐ 18. Ask your child to look for examples of *tolerance* and *intolerance* in the newspaper or on the news today.
- ☐ 19. Consider opening a savings account for your child.
- ☐ 20. Help your child review math facts by writing on the sidewalk with chalk.
- ☐ 21. Take a magnifying glass outside and let your child look at insects through it.
- ☐ 22. Have your child read to you while you're traveling today.
- ☐ 23. Watch a TV show with your child. Keep track of the time spent on commercials versus the program.
- ☐ 24. Visit the library with your child.
- ☐ 25. Help your child set a goal for this week.
- ☐ 26. Plan a meal with your child. How many food groups can you include? Let your child help you prepare the meal.
- ☐ 27. Talk about your child's summer plans today.
- ☐ 28. Ask your child to design a cover for a book.
- ☐ 29. Ask your child to think of words that rhyme with *rain*.
- ☐ 30. Tape bubble wrap to the table and have your child paint on it. Press paper on it to get an interesting print.
- ☐ 31. Share family history with your child. Look through pictures from before and after his birth.



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