Daily Learning Planner

Ideas parents can use to help children do well in school

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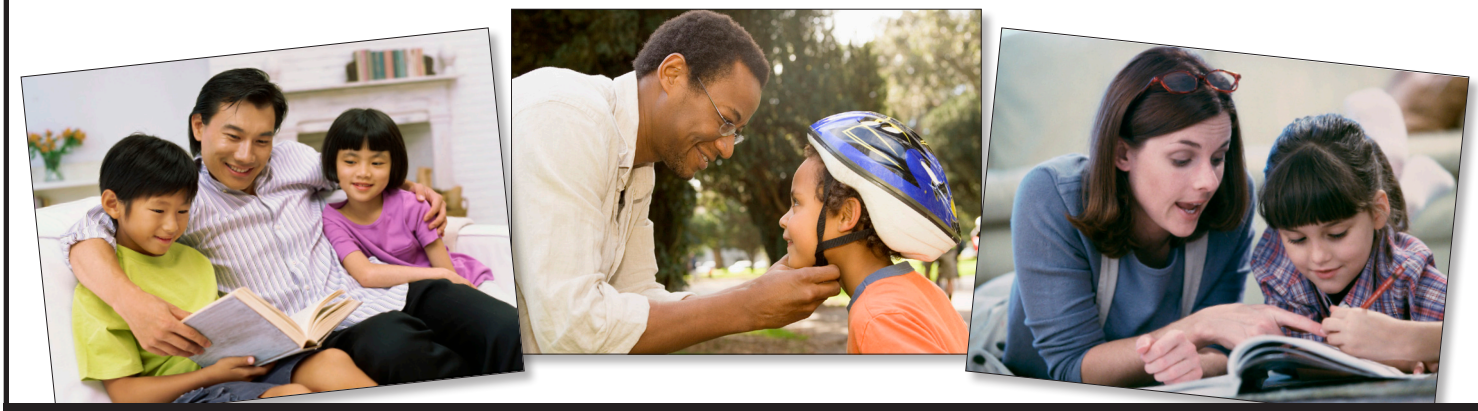

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- ❑ 1. April is Math Awareness Month. Take time to review math with your child each day this month.
- ❑ 2. Make a costume box for your child. Fill it with hats, scarves and old clothes.
- ❑ 3. Test your child's knowledge. Who is the leader of the government in your state or province?
- ❑ 4. Ask your child to describe the most beautiful place she has ever seen.
- ❑ 5. Help your child plan ahead. Talk about next weekend. What needs to be done to prepare for a family activity?
- ❑ 6. Have each family member make a list of personal strengths. Read them aloud. Add to one another's lists.
- ❑ 7. Watch an age-appropriate movie about another country with your child.
- ❑ 8. Learn the sign language alphabet together. Then practice spelling words.
- ❑ 9. Ask your child to look for examples of *tolerance* and *intolerance* in the news today.
- ❑ 10. Have your child fill a tall glass with water. Pour the water into a shorter, wider container. Does the quantity look different?
- ❑ 11. How many times can your child jump rope? Hold a contest.
- ❑ 12. Talk about honesty and why it is so important. Discuss examples of people who demonstrate honesty.
- ❑ 13. Check out or download an audiobook to listen to with your child.
- ❑ 14. Create a family joke book. Have everyone write one or two jokes per page. Staple the pages together.
- ❑ 15. Talk with your child about ways you use math in your daily life.
- ❑ 16. Have your child paint to music. Play different types of songs for each painting. Compare how each looks.
- ❑ 17. Let your child put dry beans between damp paper towels. Keep them moist. In a few days, check to see if the beans have sprouted.
- ❑ 18. Check on your child's grades. If necessary, help him plan ways to raise them before the year ends.
- ❑ 19. Choose a recipe from another culture. Prepare it with your child.
- ❑ 20. Make a "family flag." Think of things that represent your family. Use fabric paints to draw these on a piece of cloth.
- ❑ 21. Let your child clean some dirty pennies with ketchup. Explain that this is a chemical reaction.
- ❑ 22. Frame some of your child's artwork. Rotate the art on display often.
- ❑ 23. Choose a Person of the Week. Read more about the person's character.
- ❑ 24. Have a 20-minute DEAR time (Drop Everything And Read).
- ❑ 25. Talk to your child about how recycling paper is one way to help save natural resources.
- ❑ 26. Make tonight a Device Free Night. Tell stories instead.
- ❑ 27. Do a crossword puzzle with your child.
- ❑ 28. Use chalk to trace your child's body on the sidewalk or a large piece of paper. Let her decorate it.
- ❑ 29. Have your child guess how many times he blinks in a minute. Then count to find out.
- ❑ 30. Play a game of charades with your child. Use hand gestures and motions to describe your word.

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