June 2024

Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Families Can Use to Help Children Do Well in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

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.).
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.
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.
July 2024

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 viewing.
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.

August 2024

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.
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