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## Ideas parents can use to help children do well in school

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 Children Do Well in School-Try a New Idea Every Day!1. Make an appointment to spend special time with your child this month and write it on your calendar.
$\square$ 2. Write your child's name vertically on a piece of paper. Have him use each letter in his name to begin a line of a poem.
$\square$ 3. Let your child see you reading for pleasure today.
2. Put on music and spend 15 minutes drawing or writing with your child. Let the music be your inspiration.
$\square$ 5. Ask your child how she helped others today.
3. Have your child teach you something he needs to learn for homework. It's a great way to reinforce what he's learning.
4. Ask your child, "What is one thing that makes you feel really excited?"
5. Today is the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire. Develop a family plan in case of a fire in your home.
$\square$ 9. Make sure your child has access to basic reference resources (atlas, dictionary, thesaurus) either in book form or bookmarked online.
6. Plan a trip to a nearby museum, or visit one online.
7. Start a made-up story. "A woman opened the door. Standing on the doorstep was a ... ." Let your child finish the story.
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8. Jump rope together. How many jumps can your child do in a row?
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9. Ask your child, "What are your three favorite songs?"
10. Have your child close her eyes. Make a sound, such as jingling keys. Challenge her to guess what you are doing.
11. Take a walk and collect pretty fallen leaves. Help your child put them between layers of clear self-stick paper to make place mats.
$\square$ 16. Choose a news story and learn more about it with your child.
$\square$ 17. Start a project with your child, such as building a model. Make plans to work on it regularly together.
$\square$ 18. Bake cookies with your child. If you're doubling a recipe, have your child do the math.
$\square$ 19. Have your child replace adjectives on a printed advertisement with their opposites.20. Talk with your child about something he has done well today.21. Consider giving your child an allowance. Discuss what it should be used for, such as buying things, saving and giving to charity.
$\square$ 22. Choose a number, then have your child list all the things she can think of that come in that number.
12. Give your child a calendar. Teach him to use it to write down information about homework, tests and school activities.

- 24. Ask your child to imagine life 150 years ago. How about 150 years in the future?

25. Do a crossword puzzle with your child.
26. Read a book aloud that you and your child can both enjoy.

- 27. Help your child figure out the average height of the people in your family (add heights and divide the total by the number of people).
$\square$ 28. Pick a category. Ask your child to pick a letter. How many items from the category can you both think of that begin with that letter?

29. Let your child plan dinner tonight. How many food groups can she include?
$\square$ 30. Have a contest: Who can name the most parts of the body? (Organs count, too.)

- 31. Ask your child, "What is the best job in the whole world?"

