Daily Learning Planner

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

Red River Elementary School

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1. Set aside some time this month to do something with your child that you enjoyed at his age.
2. Start a family library. Give your child her own shelf or bookcase.
3. Play Concentration with fractions. Try to make pairs of equivalent fractions—1/2 and 2/4, 3/5 and 6/10 and so on.
4. Ask your child what changes he’d make if he ran for a political office.
5. Have everyone bring an interesting science fact to share at dinner.
6. It’s the birthday of James Naismith, inventor of basketball. Ask your child about her favorite sport.
7. Hug your child, for no reason other than that you love him.
8. Let your child plan dinner tonight. Can she include all the food groups?
9. Have a reading dinner. Let everyone bring a book to read. Talk about them at the table.
10. Squash is a native American food. When you’re in the grocery store, choose a new squash for your family to try.
11. Put together a puzzle with your child.
12. Ask your child to imagine life 150 years ago. How about 150 years in the future?
13. Make a list of all the things that make your family members thankful.
14. Today is the birthday of Claude Monet, a French artist. Paint a picture with your child.
15. If your child is just learning to read, look for “read-along” audio books.
16. Today is International Day for Tolerance. Talk with your child about respecting the beliefs of others.
17. Each week, help your child look up five new words he hears on TV.
18. Encourage your child to sort her books by subject.
19. Sometimes, you have to give your child a dose of Vitamin NO. It can teach him to handle setbacks.
20. Have a “silent supper.” At dessert, share what you each thought about.
21. Visit the library and have your child check out a book about a hobby.
22. It’s National Game and Puzzle Week. Turn off the TV and play a game with your child.
23. Teach your child ways to handle stress—exercising, getting enough sleep, talking about problems.
24. What’s the average age of members of your family? Help your child add up ages and divide by the number of family members to find out.
26. Play charades with your child. Use hand gestures to act out your word.
27. Have your child write new or difficult words on index cards. Encourage her to review them regularly until she can read and spell them.
28. Clean out closets with your child. Donate items you no longer need to charity—or have a family yard sale.
29. When you watch TV with your child, ask questions: “Why did that person do that?” “Would you do that?”
30. It’s Mark Twain’s birthday. Read one of his short stories to your child.