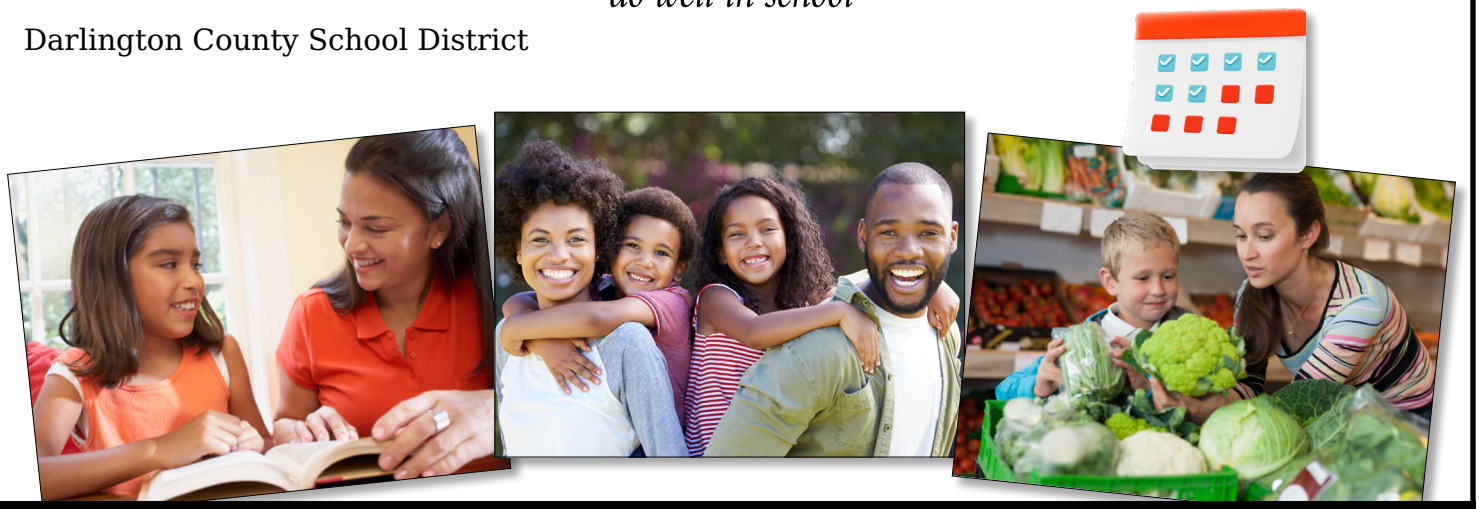
Elementary School

Daily Learning Planner

Ideas families can use to help students do well in school

Darlington County School District



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1. Check out back-to-school sales. Have your child look for the best buys.
2. Go online to find a free outdoor concert, movie or festival in your area. Plan to attend as a family.
3. Learn a tongue twister, such as "Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers." Challenge your child to repeat it quickly.
4. Help your child draw a hopscotch game on a sidewalk. Write a word in each square. Take turns reading the words aloud as you hop.
5. See who can find the tiniest leaf or rock on a walk today.
6. Get your child back into a school sleep routine. Have your child go to bed earlier and wake up earlier in the morning.
7. Help your child think about things in new ways. Ask, "What would life be like if your eyes were in your feet?"
8. Visit the library together. Help your child check out books about careers that seem interesting.
9. Read a book aloud and have your child identify three unfamiliar words. Try to use them in conversation today.
10. Ask your child to help you plan a week's worth of healthy dinners.
11. Write a brief story and leave the punctuation out. Can your child add it so the story makes sense?
12. Give your child a magnifying glass and go on a bug hunt together.
13. Ask your child to name things in your home that come from plants.
14. Learn about the night sky. On a clear night, search for constellations with your child.
15. Research what events happened on the day your child was born. Go online together or use reference materials at the library.
16. With your child, invent a new rule for a favorite board game. Play it together.
17. Suggest that your child write to a favorite living author.
18. Set up a reading and study spot for your child. Stock it with paper, pencils and other school supplies.
19. Pull out all the change in your pocket or purse. Ask your child to add it up and practice making change.
20. Try to learn how to juggle with your child.
21. Measure things in silly units. How many forks long is your child's bed?
22. Let your child use medicine droppers and water dyed with food coloring to experiment with mixing colors.
23. Enjoy a "goodbye to summer" picnic today. Talk about the great times you had over the summer.
24. Help your child write and mail a letter to a friend.
25. Make leaf rubbings. Have your child place a leaf on a paper towel, cover it with thin paper and rub with a crayon.
26. Help your child make a few academic and personal goals for the new school year. Talk about strategies for working toward them.
27. Talk with your child about school bus safety.
28. Give your child a notebook or planner to keep track of assignments.
29. Plan an indoor campout. Make a tent from a blanket. Eat s'mores and read scary stories.
30. Sing a silly song with your child.
31. Ask what your child is looking forward to this school year.

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