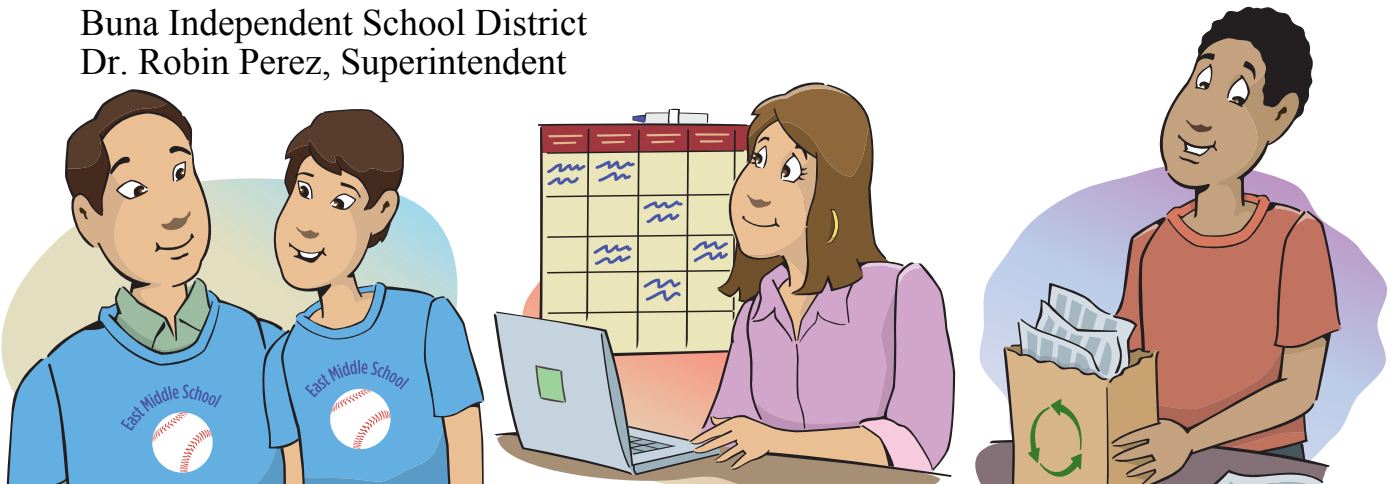


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do better in school.*

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Daily Learning Planner: Ideas Parents Can Use to Help Students Do Better in School—Try a New Idea Every Day!

- 1. Do a taste test with your child. Try different brands of a food you like. Which one tastes better?
- 2. Review your child's schedule. Is she too busy for homework and family time?
- 3. Ask your child, "If you had to name your three best qualities, what would you say?"
- 4. Surprise your child by making his favorite foods for breakfast.
- 5. Teach your child symbols that speed up note-taking, such as *w/* for *with*.
- 6. Getting kids to talk can be hard. It helps to ask them specific questions.
- 7. Make up trivia questions about your family. Quiz each other at dinner.
- 8. Have your child keep her backpack by the door. This prevents frantic searches in the morning.
- 9. Ask your child, "If you got new carpet in your room, how many square feet would we need to get?"
- 10. Work on a long-term project with your child such as a jigsaw puzzle. Don't give up.
- 11. Pick a subject and together think of as many things as possible that are connected to it.
- 12. Some middle schoolers are embarrassed by affection in public. But they still like hugs at home!
- 13. Look for a food label written in several different languages. Can your child guess what languages they are?
- 14. Find three ways to show your child how much you love him.
- 15. Take your child to the library and research her dream career.
- 16. In a discussion (or argument), listen first. Then try to restate what your child has said.
- 17. See if your child can list the planets other than Earth.
- 18. Don't let your child watch TV while studying, no matter how much she wants to do so.
- 19. Look at a map of the U.S. or Canada with your child. Point to a region he's never visited. What does he know about it?
- 20. Talk about stereotypes with your child. Discuss why they're unfair.
- 21. Make a homework drawer and fill it with study supplies.
- 22. George Washington was known for being honest. Talk about honesty with your child today.
- 23. Talk with your child about her priorities.
- 24. Redoing kids' chores can hurt their self-esteem. Instead, give tips for improvement.
- 25. Ask your child what would happen if everyone ignored laws for a day.
- 26. Ask your child about a book or article he read recently.
- 27. Watch your child's favorite TV show with her. Ask questions, such as "Who is your favorite character?"
- 28. Find a crossword puzzle in the newspaper. Try to solve it with your child.
- 29. Give your child a receipt. Ask him to figure out what the total would have been with a different tax rate.



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