

HOW TO HOME SCHOOL SUCCESSFULLY

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FOUR IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES

- ❖ **PRINCIPLE #1....** Know why you are home schooling and what your goals are.
- ❖ **PRINCIPLE #2....** The most important thing to learn is how to learn.
- ❖ **PRINCIPLE #3....** The ultimate goal is success in life. Education is only a means.
- ❖ **PRINCIPLE #4....** According to the Bible learning is the responsibility of the student... with God's help.

REMEMBER THIS!

Academic subjects are of secondary importance.

I am much afraid that the schools will prove the very gates of hell unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures and engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not unceasingly occupied with the word of God must become corrupt.

Martin Luther

WISDOM

Teach the difference between KNOWLEDGE and WISDOM.

- **KNOWLEDGE** - having facts in your brain concerning the subject in question.
- **WISDOM** - the ability to use knowledge to make decisions that follow biblical standards.

TEACHING GODLY VALUES

Teach by personal example

Discuss the Biblical reasons behind your actions

Control the environment — shelter your children from harmful influence (other children)

Study *Character Sketches: Vol 1, 2, & 3* by
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EACH CHILD IS DIFFERENT!

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

Deal with each child as an individual

- Help them recognize their personal, God given abilities.
- Help them become aware of their own weaknesses.
- Give each child an appreciation for the uniqueness of his other family members.

SELF-ESTEEM

Self-Esteem is the mainspring that slates every child for success or failure as a human being.

Strong self-respect is based on two main convictions:

“I am lovable,”

(“I matter and have value because I exist.”)

“I am worthwhile.”

(“I can handle myself and my environment with competence. I know I have something to offer others.”)

Your Child's Self-Esteem, **Dorothy Corkille Briggs**

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INFANTS - TODDLERS

Learning starts at birth!

Research has shown that the more active a child is between 0-2 years the more likely that he will learn well.

Hold them, play with them, read to them

Provide a sensory feast - check out their level of observation

Limit exploration as little as possible

Leave them with others to develop independence.

PRESCHOOL

Read to them often!

Their own books, magazines - teach respect for Lots of Activity - Physical, Playground

Create Questions - Answer Questions completely, not with one sentence answers

Phonics Play - don't force

Learn Numbers - counting games, shopping

Music - classical, traditional, Christian

Help Mommy - Dusting, Cooking, Cleaning

TODDLER/PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Use "Special" School Activities to keep their attention... use only at school time so the activity stays exciting.

Play Dough & Sewing Cards

Water Paint Books - even 2 yr. olds love this (tear out pages so don't complete at one sitting)

Coloring (Educational Coloring Books)

AWANA Verse Memory

Magic Slates (great for car too!)

"Puzzle Math" - Leisure Learning Products

"Little Planner" - Leisure Learning Products

"Perfection" Shape Game - Toys R' Us

Nature Shows taped from PBS

Peg Board - Discovery Toys

GRADES K-3

Encourage exploration, answer the "why" questions

Phonics - Read lots of books and advance as rapidly as the child wishes.

Math - Rote Memorization, Flash Cards, Math-It, Holey Cards, continue practicing + - x ÷

Writing - Pre-Cursive • *Bob Jones Handwriting!*

Normal pencils & paper

Writing almost everyday

Calligraphy

Home - Shopping, Cooking, Cleaning, Laundry

GRADES 4-12

Increasing number of independent, individually designed research projects.

This provides the foundation for all of the learning that we do throughout our life.

Mutual agreement on academic goals.

Focus on understanding not memorization.

Work - house work, job, child care

Build a personal vision for the future.

Growing involvement in service to others.

This provides the foundation for all leadership.

READING - THE KEY TO LEARNING

Encourage reading books of long term value:

Classics, biographies, educational, spiritual

Give them a vision for what God can do in their lives by reading biographies of great men of faith.

George Mueller, Martin Luther, Rees Howells, Hannah Hurnard, Hudson Taylor, Sower Series of Biographies, etc.

Challenge their ability - Read "Adult" level books

Current public school 9th grade reading is equal to 4th grade in 1920. Newspapers, magazines, modern books are written on 6-8th grade reading levels.

Keep Reading Records

God's World Books & Magazines - www.gwbc.com

Little Bear Wheeler's Mantle Ministries - www.mantleministries.com

Vision Forum - www.visionforum.com

Bob Jones Univ. Press - www.bjup.com

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COMMUNICATION

The goal is to replicate in others the convictions that God has placed in you. The tool is education and persuasion. Proper use of language is the key.

"There are only two powers in the world. The sword and the pen. In the end the pen will triumph over the sword every time."
Napoleon

VOCABULARY

A powerful vocabulary is a universal indicator of a well educated person. Use 50¢ words constantly...even with toddlers. If you explain the words the child will learn them. Study vocabulary aggressively with older children.

COMMUNICATION...2

WRITING

Writing is not only a tool for influencing others, the process of writing teaches thinking and clear communication. Do a LOT of writing!!

- Letters: Appreciation, orders, political, pen-pals
- Reports on subjects, articles for newspapers, book reviews
- Personal journal: Long term spiritual and emotional value

Daily Grams, Wanda Phillips
Winston Grammar, Paul Erwin
Understanding Writing, Susan Bradrick

SPEAKING

Practice is the only way to learn.

- Give written reports as oral presentations.
- Have theme days in your support group.

MATH

Don't assume a child coming from public school is where they should be.

The foundations must be strong! Continue flash cards Proceed progressively • Always review previous skills. One of few subjects can't combine across grade levels. Why not algebra and geometry in elementary grades?

Provide opportunities to use in real life situations:
Bookkeeping, shopping, sports

Math It! - Holey Cards - "Math Blaster" (Computer)
Bob Jones Math • through 3rd grade
Saxon Math • for 4th grade & up...the Best!
Solution Keys for Algebra & up

Saxon - 800-669-8398 - free diagnostic placement test online www.saxonpublishers.harcourtachieve.com

HISTORY

"HIS" STORY

Deuteronomy 4:9
Psalms 71:18
Psalms 78:2-4

Relate everything to a time line chart.

Study periods of history as a unit study

Geography, government, literature, scientific advances, famous people, the church

Use older history books

A Beka History Series • A Beka Books
The Light & The Glory, Peter Marshall
From Sea to Shining Sea, Peter Marshall
America's Godly Heritage (Video), Dave Barton

SCIENCE

The study of God Revealed in Creation

Develop process skills of scientific inquiry
Analyze the real life needs of each individual child.
Basic awareness important in physics, chemistry, biology, health – in depth study only "necessary" if will be using the subject.
Understanding more important than memorization of facts.
Higher subjects can wait until college – or try a community or junior college

LIFE SCIENCES

HIGHEST LIFETIME VALUE

ZOOLOGY – animal and human anatomy, physiology, nutrition, reproduction.

First Aid classes, CPR, Medical Technician

BOTANY– Gardening

MICROBIOLOGY – there really are "germs"

GENETICS – God's blueprints of life

The Cartoon Guide to Genetics

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EARTH SCIENCE

GEOLOGY – the study of the earth and its physical structures. Rocks, strata, volcanos

WEATHER – the study of the atmosphere and how it operates to produce various weather conditions

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www.christiananswers.net/catalog/creatorsworld.html

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

CHEMISTRY – the study of how elements interact to form new compounds. Includes a study of the invisible operation of atoms.

PHYSICS – the study of how physical objects interact. Gravity, acceleration, weight, etc.

- Highly technical subjects to teach in depth
- Basics are necessary for everyday life.
Friction, household chemicals, gravity
- Consider using a Junior College or waiting until college
- A BEKA VIDEO Curriculum for Science

MUSIC

Start early! Tastes for particular music types are developed early in life.

Get each child a tape recorder. Play "good" music at bedtime to go to sleep by.

Christian, Classical, Easy listening

Invest in the Music Masters Series by Vox. CDs with music & biography of famous composers.

<http://www.metronomehome.com/MarketPlaceRecommend.php>

The Gift of Music, **Jane Smith & Betty Carlson**

NOTE: Tape recorder can also be used to tape spelling tests, vocabulary tests, oral presentations, writing drafts and notes.

ART & CRAFTS

Teach and exercise creative skills.

Reports should utilize drawings, maps, graphs.

Presentation skills will bear fruit in the business world.

Studying art, drawing, painting, etc. will open their eyes to the details of God's creation.

Calligraphy & Drafting have broad uses in life.

Use of tools for construction and repair of household items is important for self-sufficiency.

Sewing, woodwork, appliance and auto repair, building, home maintenance

Draw Squad, **Mark Kistler** www.drawsquad.com

The Italic Way to Beautiful Handwriting, **Fred Eager**

SEX EDUCATION

- Research indicates that only 5% of Christian parents are giving their children guidance on sex.
- Control your emotions. If you show embarrassment or reluctance to answer, your child will figure out real quick that questions on sex shouldn't be asked of parents. Your attitude is more important than the facts that are presented.
- Answer accurately and with the proper vocabulary.
- Plan on making the subject come up through normal conversations to be sure it gets discussed.

A Child Is Born, **Lennart Nilsson** amazing photos!!

Where Did I Come From, **Peter Mayle**

PROTECTION!!

- Use a filter on the Internet! www.safeeyes.com
- Pornography is addictive! www.settingcaptivesfree.com

FEAR vs PRAISE

Don't use fear to teach at any age!

For God did not give us a spirit of fear but of power and love and a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

Be careful not to pass on your own fears and phobias. May inadvertently limit your child's horizons of accomplishment. Will at least make life more uncomfortable. Don't LIE to manipulate your child.

- Praise effort as strongly as success
- Praise questioning and research

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