

IDEAS FOR SCHEDULING AND PLANNING

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*Before you start you should: write a family mission statement, figure out your kid's learning styles, and choose curriculum.

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1. Schedule Planning Time with your Spouse

- **Pray**
- **Yearly goals**
- **Year-at-a-Glance calendar**

2. Set School Year Calendar

3. Choose a Reward System for Accomplishments

4. Plan a Weekly Schedule

5. Write Lesson Plans

6. Keep a Weekly To-Do List

7. Organize a Weekly Meal Plan

8. Assign Chores

9. Maintain Mom's Binder

GOALS FOR INDIVIDUAL CHILDREN

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For each child choose one (sometimes two) specific goals in each of these areas to work on for the year. Check up on progress three or four times a year. At the end of the year mark the list with a +, ½ or – as to how they did. Some kids need the same goal for a few years until it is learned.

Character: Attentiveness, Obedience, Orderliness, Trust, Patience, Stewardship, Responsibility, Love, Generosity, Courage, Wisdom, Loyalty, Honor, Cooperation, Determination, Honesty, Self Control, Joy (Usually these involves a study of Bible verses on the subject, reading a biography of someone who exemplified this character trait, practical practice)

Spiritual: Bible reading, devotional, prayer time, prayer journal, memorize books of the Bible, memorize # of Bible verses, memorizing a Bible chapter (Set a time, or schedule, or topic, make a list to pray through)

Physical: potty training, P.E., sports, trampoline, exercises, jogging, dance, riding a bike, ice and/or roller skating, cycling, rollerblading, gymnastics, exercise ball, weights, circuit training

Academics: spelling, flashcards (+ - x /), 26 phonograms, handwriting, oral reading, writing a paragraph, writing an essay, Spanish, map reading, grammar, taking notes, making an outline, writing a book report, typing, # of vocabulary words

Life Skills: learning address and phone number, flossing, cleaning bedroom, cooking, baking, menu planning, freezer inventory, washing dishes, table setting, cleaning out the fridge, vacuuming, dusting, cleaning the bathroom, laundry (collecting, sorting, washing, drying, folding, putting away), ironing, changing a tire, mowing the lawn, weeding, edging the lawn, changing the oil, washing floor, time management (making a schedule), trimming shrubs, feeding animals, picking up dog poop, sweeping, cleaning animal cages, making bed, getting dressed, washing windows, washing the car, putting toys away, painting a room, sewing, making a PowerPoint presentation, hooking up a computer, changing a door knob, removing screens to wash, shutting off the water to the house, plant care, recycling, managing "stuff"

Social Skills: introductions, headphone/cell phone manners, phone manners, three questions to others, eye contact, shaking hands, lead by example, brotherly love, resolve and manage conflict, ladies first, protecting girls, table manners, being a good friend, serving others, giving up your seat for elders/women, holding the door, asking if you can help, replying without sighing, waiting for a break in the conversation to talk, complimenting others