

Ready to Homeschool — Six Month Countdown

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WEEK 4: A HOME ROUTINE — EMPTY IT TO FILL IT

A routine helps everyone. Another thing to put on autopilot. I prefer it not to be rigid, just “anchors” for my day. Absolutely have a calendar/planner!!

Smith, Ken (1992). *It's About Time: Getting Control of Your Life*. Living Books,

Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.: Wheaton, IL.

Managers of Their Homes (MOTH) by Teri and Steven Maxwell.

What are non-negotiable time constraints?

Spouse's job, meals, church commitments?

Easiest to plan around meals, and sleep requirements. Mid-day quiet time.

Upcoming sessions on setting goals, chore time, and setting up an actual homeschool schedule. For now, just analyze your usual routine, note areas to improve.

Mentally alert, management mentality. In your head.... Every 5-10 minutes, name each kid and if they need re-directed. Then food, laundry, “next thing.” Anything you REALLY need to focus on should be saved for “Quiet Time” or after supper.

Your morning chunk — between breakfast and lunch, will be your most “productive.” Guard it carefully. Remember that INSTRUCTION and CORRECTION take lots of time — your time!!

Be purposeful in your outings. Plan field trips and fun outings for your kids. These childhood years will fly by and you will treasure the special moments you carved out to go places intentionally — even though it's a lot of work. Take pictures.

NOTE: NEXT WEEK, we will discuss *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Tedd Tripp. Consider now how to locate a copy and read it before, during, or after Week 5.

		Schedule					
Time		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:30	Breakfast						
8:00							
8:30	Chores						
9:00							
9:30							
10:00							
10:30							
11:00							
11:30							
12:00		Lunch					
12:30							
1:00	Rest						
1:30							
2:00							
2:30							
3:00							
3:30							
4:00							
4:30							
5:00	Prepare supper/eat/dishes						
5:30							
6:00							
6:30							
7:00							
7:30							
8:00							
8:30							
9:00	Prep for tomorrow						

Summer 2021 Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:30		(Garden)		(Garden)		(Garden)
8:00						
8:30	Physical Therapy		Physical Therapy		Physical Therapy	
9:00						
9:30		(House)	(Homeschool and HS Room)		(Kids)	(Kids)
10:00				LEGO Club/Store		
10:30						
11:00						
11:30						
12:00						
12:30						
1:00						
1:30						
2:00						
2:30						
3:00	(School/HSAP)	(House)	(Church/Ministry)			
3:30						
4:00						
4:30						
5:00						
5:30						
6:00						
6:30						
7:00						
7:30						
8:00						
8:30						
9:00						

Managers of Their Homes

Names	Mom	Sarah	Joseph	John	Anna	Jesse	
11:00	School with John Math English Phonics	Bible	Hand-writing Spelling	School with Mom Math English Phonics Reading	Play alone	Play alone	
11:30		Math	Play with Jesse		Math with	Play with	Play with Joseph
12:00		prepares lunch	lunch		Helper		Lunch
12:30	Reading with Anna	free	lunch Cleanup	Cleanup	Reading with Mom		
1:00	Phonics w Prepare for little ones' nap		Anna		Phonics Joseph	Prepare for nap	Prepare for nap
1:30	Sew or Write	Health Algebra II	Math	Reading Phonics Hand-writing	Free	Nap	Nap
2:00		Algebra II	Bible Reading	Rest	Nap		
2:30	Rest	Rest	Art			Nap	Nap
3:00	Check School Work	Projects Bible	Projects Bible				
3:30	Read to Joseph John Anna Jesse	Project read Stamp Art File Read me	Listen to mom read Math Drill	Listen to Mom Read	Listen to Mom Read	Nap listen to Mom	

A Practical Guide to Daily Scheduling for Christian Homeschool Families

Steven and Teri Maxwell

SCHEDULING KIT INCLUDED

Other events and destinations (optional – on your own)

Clay County Fair

Spencer, Iowa, from Sept. 7 – 15; Admission fees

<https://claycountyfair.com/plan-your-trip/fair-schedule/>

➤ Sept 10 – Michael W. Smith/We Are Messengers

Traveling Tabernacle Exhibit

George, Iowa (almost to Sioux Falls) until September 23 to October 6

“suggested donation”

<https://www.thetabernacleexperience.com/locations>

Iowa State Youth Matinee Series

(every few weeks, during the day, educational drama/concerts)

\$4 per ticket (in advance)

some study guides available online

<https://www.center.iastate.edu/education/>

Omaha Performing Arts Matinee Series

(just four this year, during the day, educational drama/concerts)

I need to purchase the tickets as a homeschool group – contact me ASAP if you are interested in attending

\$4 each student

(Nutcracker on December 6??)

<https://omahaperformingarts.org/learn-and-engage/student-programs/student-matinee-series>

Rosemary Clausen Center (Holstein)

Season Tickets are \$170 – some single event tickets available

<http://rosemaryclausencenter.com/2019-2020-calendar/>

Storm Lake Community Education Performing Arts Series

Season Tickets are \$120

<http://www.slcsd.org/performing-arts-series-2019-2020>

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center (Sioux City Stone Park)

Free admission – closed Mondays (and a random weekend in September?)

Ask about their scavenger hunt and trails

<http://woodburyparks.org/dorothy-pecaut-nature-center/>

Winter-time skiing (between Missouri Valley and Omaha)

<https://www.skicrescent.com/welcome/>

They have Homeschool Days which are reasonably priced

Includes equipment and lessons (if you haven't grown up on the slopes)

Sanford Museum and Planetarium (Cherokee)

Free admission – some exhibits come and go, others are permanent

Planetarium shows on Sundays and Wednesdays all year

<https://sanfordmuseum.org/>