

Ready to Homeschool — Six Month Countdown

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WEEK 20: SETTING UP A WEEKLY SCHEDULE

PLANNING is important. But PLANS will fail. Hold this loosely, and don't be afraid to adapt it as you move forward.

Week 16 — Homeschool Approaches — this episode is for those choosing a more structured approach. It always helped me move forward to see how my goals COULD fit into our coming year.

1. Look over a calendar for the next school year. Will you have long breaks for Christmas? Summer? The birth of a baby? A family trip? Block it off.
2. How many days do you HAVE to do school? (Minimum for accountability)
3. Would you prefer a 4-day week? 5-day week? 6-day week?
4. OR... do you want to list your assignments BY WEEK (or month, or unit) and let them flow around other responsibilities with casual flexibility?
5. Yearly overview sheets —
 - Sample A — helped me see all subjects and kids at a glance
 - Sample B — helped me plan out Science and History studies, one page
6. Which subjects do you want to teach as a group? List them.
7. Which individual subjects are your highest priority per kid? List them.
8. Revisit.....
 - Week 4 — Home Routine
 - Week 6 — Goal Sheets
 - Week 7 — Chores and Life Skills
 - Week 10 — Outlets
 - Week 17 — Family Strengths
9. Weekly Schedule — Choose your GROUP TIME blocks first
 - Schedule your individual teaching time with each kid's highest priority
10. Everyday subjects vs. once-a-week subjects
11. Experiment with assignment sheets, and plan your first six weeks.
12. Purchased curriculum, used books, real life explorations, field trips
13. YOU WILL RE-EVALUATE and make changes after the first 6 weeks
14. Some families do a dry-run the week before they actually start school with lighter subjects.

For Week 24, we will be discussing *Teaching from Rest* by Sarah Mackenzie. This is a more recent release that helps homeschool moms come to grips with the fact that they cannot do it all, and gives advice on how to get rid of worry and anxiety. Use this link to purchase the book, and I will benefit as an Amazon affiliate: <https://amzn.to/3BKTFkk>

Subject	Name/Grade Student 1	Name/Grade Student 2	Name/Grade Student 3	Name/Grade Student 4
Math Concepts				
Math Drill				
Reading Skills				
Literature Studies				
History				
Other Social Studies				
Geography				
Science				
Health				
Language Arts (Handwriting)				
Language Arts (Spelling)				
Language Arts (Writing)				
Language Arts (Grammar)				
Foreign Language				
Art Skill				
Art Appreciation				
Music Skill				
Music Appreciation				
Life Skills				
Memory Work				
Bible Study				
Physical Education				

Week #	History	Josh/Ann	Science	Writing	Art	Per. Living Skills	Elise	Jessica	Other	Homework	
1	Epics of Greece	Western Civ	Note-taking - DVD		Selfishness		Fractured Nation		Unit 1	Intro	
2			Essays Unit 8		Time Mgmt		Civil War				
3	Cart of Debates			Elegant Essay - Ch 1							
4					Ch. 2	Manners				Unit 2	Nature/Aesthetics of Script
5					Ch. 3	Budgeting					
6	Write The Trip					Home Business					
7	Ancient Rome City, Art, C. War				Ch. 4	Wardrobe	Courship	Reconstruction		Unit 3	Language
8	Video Bede A-S Poetry				Ch. 5	Home Mangement		Wide West			
9	Becomes				Ch. 6	Healthy Habits		Immigrants			
10	Sir Gawain (vid. 2)				Ch. 7			Statue of Liberty		Unit 4	Normal
11	Canterbury Tales				Ch. 8			Courship	Big Business		
12	Hamlet (vid. 2)				Ch. 9	Career Skills		Big Cities			
13	Video				Ch. 10	College Studies		Teddy Roosevelt			
14						Wisdom		Wright Brothers			
15					Ch. 11			Edison		Unit 5	Grammar
16	World Wars		(Short Great Wars part) Research Paper - DVD				NW 1 and 2				
17			Disc. PSD Ch. 11	Read Pgs 1-30							
18	In Depth		Source #1	Pgs 31-60					Unit 6	Context	
19			2	Pgs 61-75							
20	UN / Creation of World		3	Writing			1920's				
21	Communism		4				1930's		Unit 7	Lit. Forms	
22			5				Baseball				
23	Tech / Space Race		Meet, brainstorm, outline				Tech / Space Race				
24	Korea / Vietnam		Bibliography - citation page				Korea / Vietnam				
25			Rough Draft								
26	Civil Rights						Civil Rights		Units 8 + 9	Unit	
27	Presidents / World Leaders		Quotes - redirection?				1960's				
28			Research - Proofs				1970's - 1980's			Application	
29	Issues for your generation		Revise				Rise of Internet		Unit 10	Safeguards	
30	Review		Revise				Globalization		Final Exam		

Final

Final Exam

Submit!

		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	Prep for tomorrow						
9:00							

Early Morning

walk
cleaner
my desk

breakfast with D
planning
e-mails

note it

8:30 BIBLE TIME

9:00

9:30

Group Time : BIOLOGY
ESSAY-WRITING
Modern Art

History
Reading / Lit
Grammar
Pers. Livis

10:00

Break - start chores?

10:30

meet with Jessica (10:15 - 10:40)
meet with Annika (10:40 - 11:05)
meet with Joshua (11:05 - 11:30)

} overlap for grammar

11:00

11:30

LUNCH
BREAK

12:00

12:30

READ-ALoud (12:30 to 1:15)
or DVD

usually Biology

1:00

1:30

2:00

2:30

3:00

3:30

4:00

4:30

Math (at school)
Homework and chores

5:00

Check-out with mom for the day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Chores					
9:30 - 10:00	Independent Workbooks/Music Practice	Independent Workbooks/Music Practice	Independent Workbooks/Music Practice	Independent Workbooks/Music Practice	Art and Music Time
10:00 - 10:20	Bible time, Recitation, Songs	Bible time, Recitation, Songs	Bible time, Recitation, Songs	Bible time, Recitation, Songs	Craft Project
10:20 - 10:40	Read-aloud	Read-aloud	Read-aloud	Read-aloud	
10:40 - 11:00	Group History or Science Lesson	Group History or Science Lesson	Group History or Science Lesson	Group History or Science Lesson	
11:00 - 11:20	Copywork	Copywork	Copywork	Copywork	
11:20 - 11:40	McGuffey Readers	Math Manipulatives	McGuffey Readers	Math Manipulatives	
11:40 - noon	AWANA verses	AWANA verses	AWANA verses	AWANA verses	
noon - 1:00	Lunch and Recess	Lunch and Recess	Lunch and Recess	Lunch and Recess	Lunch and Recess
1:00 - 2:00	Independent Reading/Rest Time	Independent Reading/Rest Time	Independent Reading/Rest Time	Independent Reading/Rest Time	Writing focus
2:00 - 2:30	All About Spelling	All About Spelling	All About Spelling	All About Spelling	
3:00 - 3:30	Independent Workbooks/Music Practice	Independent Workbooks/Music Practice	Independent Workbooks/Music Practice	Independent Workbooks/Music Practice	
3:30 - 4:00	Snack and Recess	Snack and Recess	Snack and Recess	Snack and Recess	Snack and Recess
4:00 - 4:45	Checklist	Checklist	Checklist	Checklist	Checklist

Elise Masters, 7th Grade

Week of _____

MONDAY	
McGuffey Readers	
Handwriting	
Life of Fred	
Violin	
Bible Memory	
Research:	
Other	

THURSDAY	
Language Lessons	
Math Drill	
Bible Instruction	
Science	
Violin	
Research:	
Other	

TUESDAY	
Language Lessons	
Math Drill	
Bible Instruction	
Science	
Violin	
Research:	
Other	

FRIDAY	
Art	
Music	
Craft or Project	
Flute	
Writing	
Bible Instruction	
Other	

WEDNESDAY	
McGuffey Readers	
Handwriting	
Life of Fred	
Violin	
Bible Memory	
Research:	
Other	

Joshua Masters (5); Annika Masters (3); Jessica Masters (1)

Week of _____

MONDAY	Josh	Annika	Jessica
McGuffey Readers			
Handwriting			
Miquon			
Piano			
AWANA			
All About Spelling			
Research:			
Other			

TUESDAY	Josh	Annika	Jessica
Language Lessons			
Math Drill			
AWANA			
Handwriting			
All About Spelling			
Research:			
Other			

WEDNESDAY	Josh	Annika	Jessica
McGuffey Readers			
Handwriting			
Miquon			
Piano			
AWANA			
All About Spelling			
Research:			
Other			

THURSDAY	Josh	Annika	Jessica
Language Lessons			
Math Drill			
AWANA			
Handwriting			
Piano			
All About Spelling			
Research:			
Other			

FRIDAY	Josh	Annika	Jessica
Art			
Music			
Craft or Project			
Piano			
Writing			
Other			

PE Focus: _____

Week of _____

Algebra I

Biology Lessons

Writing Time

Violin Lessons

Read _____

CLEP Literature

Geography Work

Map Workbook

Sticker book

Country Page

Old World History and Geography

Science with Merle

(_____)

Typing (Computer)

Where... Carmen Sandiego?

Art Book (Thursday)

Writing Lesson (Friday)

Doodle this page _____

	Monday August 22	Tuesday August 23	Wednesday August 24	Thursday August 25	Friday August 26
Bible Study	Hermeneutics, pg. 4	pg. 4-5	pg. 5-6		pg. 7-9
Biology	Apologia, pgs 1-6, RN and When Science Falls, Intro through pg. 13	pg. 7-15, RN	pg. 16-27, RN and LLS, Vol. 1, Ch. 1-2	Apologia pg. 435-436 leaf collection	pg. 28-33, RN and Biology 101, 1.1
Literature	Read any book this week – begin a list with the title, author, and a 10-word summary				
Writing Workshop		Pudewa DVD, Note-Taking (part 1)			Pudewa DVD, Note-Taking (part 2)
Personal Living Skills	Haggai 2:10-19				Ch. 11 in How to Be your Own Selfish Pig
Grammar		Days 1&2	Days 3&4		Days 5&6
Other				Art Nouveau (Easy Peasy)	
	Monday August 29	Tuesday August 30	Wednesday August 31	Thursday September 1	Friday September 2
Bible study	Hermeneutics, pg. 10-11	pg. 12	pg. 13		pg. 14-15
Biology	Apologia Study Guide Questions #1-4 and read Pond Life A	Questions #5-12 and When Science Falls pg. 25-42	Questions #13-16	Review all Vocabulary and find 10 more leaf samples	TEST over Module #1
Literature	Read another book (#2) – add it to the list				
Writing Workshop	SSS-1B-19 (Pudewa) 36:50 to end	SSS-1B-20 (Pudewa) 23:00 to 34:10	SSS-1B-20 (Pudewa) Part 2	Read handout "Oceania"	SSS-1B-21 (Pudewa) ALL (on double speed)
Personal Living Skills	It's About Time, pgs.3-19	It's About Time, pgs. 21-35	It's About Time, pgs. 37-53		Courtship Notebooks
Grammar					
Other				Seashell Art (Easy Peasy)	
	Monday September 5	Tuesday September 6	Wednesday September 7	Thursday September 8	Friday September 9
Bible study	Hermeneutics, pg. 9, #1	Psalms 119:1-88	Psalms 119:89-176		Hermeneutics, pg. 9, #2&3
Biology	Apologia, pgs. 37-44 RN and visit a pond to collect samples	pgs. 45-52 RN and Holzmann pg. 3-15	pgs. 53-58 RN and Holzmann pg. 16-25	Pond Life B	pgs. 58-62 RN
Literature	Read another book (#3) – add it to the list				
Writing Workshop		Elegant Essay, 5 writing components	Elegant Essay, Bias and skeleton		Elegant Essay, JOURNEY (five parts)
Personal Living Skills	It's About Time, pgs. 57-73	It's About Time, pgs. 75-92	It's About Time, pgs. 93-110		Courtship Notebooks
Grammar					
Other				Hector Guilmard (and history timeline) on Easy Peasy	
	Monday September 12	Tuesday September 13	Wednesday September 14	Thursday September 15	Friday September 16
Bible study	Hermeneutics, pg. 17-18	Hermeneutics, pg. 18-19	Hermeneutics, pg. 19-20		Hermeneutics, pg. 25-29
Biology	Apologia Study Guide, Module #2, #1-3 and LLS, Vol. 1, Ch. 11	Apologia Study Guide, Module #2, #4-10	Apologia Study Guide, Module #2, #11-18	Microscope lab with Mr. Schmidt	Module #2, TEST
Literature	Read another book (#4) – add it to the list				
Writing Workshop		Elegant Essay, Thesis Statements, pgs. 7-8	Elegant Essay, steps and examples, pg. 8-10, practice pg. 13		Complete independently, Elegant Essay, pg. 14
Personal Living Skills	MANNERS (all week) – see handout for reading assignments				
Grammar	Days 19&20	Days 21&22	Days 23&24		notes into 3-ring binder
Other				Henry Van de Velde houses	