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Homeschool Tips

Let's Make Homeschool Great Again! Here are just a few great tips from our sisters in the body who homeschool various ages of child(ren). We can always benefit in making our homeschooling experience better and simpler.

No matter if you have one child or 5, there is always something to benefit and learn about homeschooling. In this truth we have this network of sisters who have a lot of advice or hacks that work best for them. These are sure a few great women who have shared homeschooling tips that work well for them.

Her Children ages are 3 years old, 7 years old, 12 years old and 14 years old.



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Sarah's Homeschooling Tips

1. **Moms must wake up at least 1 hour before everyone else.** Start prepping the day for your Lord's house. Doing this allows a smoother transition of your day specially for those who homeschool and work from home at the same time, like me.
2. **Separate your child's play area and study area,** create a designated learning space. Doing this will allow your child to focus on learning rather than playing.
3. **Create a daily routine and stick to the schedule.** Children works best when they know what to expect. Sticking to your schedule allows your little one, what to expect next.
 - Your child's schedule varies depending on their age group. Your older child who's 14, requires more learning time (4-6 hrs.), than your 2-year-old, 15-30 mins a day.
 - Example of your child homeschool schedule: (4 - 5-year-old), can incorporate Bible books and activities)
 - 7:30-8:00 wake up
 - 8:00-8:30 get ready for the day (shower, brush teeth)
 - 8:30-9:00 breakfast and stretch
 - 9:00-9:15 Book reading
 - 9:15-9:30 Writing
 - 9:30-10:00 Snack time
 - 10:00-10:30 Fun activities (drawing, painting, sensory learning)
4. **Take learning beyond the classroom,** incorporate what you instruct your child outside of class time. For example: playing I spy while you're out and about. "I spy something big, and color green." Another example is having your child spot items from the book you read.
5. **Set a learning goal, plan, and map out your expectations for your child's learning progress.** Each child is unique and learns differently, be patient and build your child's confidence by working with him on his level of learning.

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The ages of her children are 1 and 2 years old.



Nanelia's Homeschooling Tips

1. **Get a fresh start** - The same way a regular teacher would get up early to prepare for the day, do that for yourself so your kids can get the best of you. For me, this means waking up 2 hours before my boys, praying & reading my 4 Chapters, hydrating, making a cup a coffee, and getting a 20 min workout in, along with a shower. And also getting dressed as if I'm leaving the house. This alone boosts my mood for the day.
2. **Homeschool is not regular school** - This is especially important to remember with toddlers. Until about 5 years old, they only really need 15 mins-30 mins of academics. This is not including activities or crafts. Their little brain can only take so much and you'd be surprised how much they retain with 20 mins a day of learning. But it has to be consistent!
3. **Everyday doesn't have to be Instagram able** - I know with the rise of mommy bloggers it may feel like every moment of your homeschool experience has to be a pretty picture and if it's any less than that, then you suck as a teacher.

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Well, I'm here to tell you, that's simply not true. If you're doing your best instructing your kids and they are growing in knowledge and experience, then you are doing your job.

4. **Keep it simple** - You may not have a full out classroom. You may not even have a desk for them to sit at... but guess what? That doesn't make you a bad teacher, work with what you have and get creative. Use your dining or coffee table, take them to the library, bring a blanket and do homeschooling at the park. Remember that the goal is to educate your kids, not to have the most decked out classroom.
5. **When all else fails, ABC's and 123's** - Look, I know those tantrums can be a lot especially when you have multiples. And sometimes, you're too burnt out to put together an art project and clean up the mess. So for days like this, focus on the alphabet sounds, numbers, and read a book. Because at the end of the day, they're going to need to know how to read and count leading up to kindergarten.