



Tips for Scheduling Your Day

Have a family meeting on Sunday evenings. Review schedules and brainstorm new approaches to easier mornings, healthier eating, more productive studying, and so on. Create simple checklists as visual reminders for the week's tasks.

Read RenWeb the night before to prevent surprises. Print RenWeb lesson plans after 5pm on Sundays and scan over them so you can pick up supplies and prevent surprises. Teachers have until this time to make changes to lesson plans; changes after 5pm on Sundays will be emailed to you.

It also helps to go over RenWeb with your kids the night before. This gives them time to mentally prepare for what they'll be working on the next day, especially if they have a project or a writing assignment that falls outside the norm.

Decide when you will work. Have a general idea of when you need to get started: [Sample Home Day Schedule](#).

Pray before you start. Make sure you pray for God's direction as a co-teacher before starting the day. Things often don't go as planned, but if you follow your Shepherd, you'll be heading in the right direction.

Consider completing one subject the night before to make school days at home easier and start the day feeling accomplished.

Decide how you will work. Will you start with Bible/Leadership homework to focus on the Lord? Will you start with the hardest subject to get it out of the way? Or, the easiest subject so your child will feel confident at the beginning of the day?

Plan breaks. While it's important to complete school work on time, taking breaks keeps everyone focused. Rewards, like 15 minutes of extra outdoor playtime, computer time, or snack time can be given for completion of one or two subjects.

Be consistent. Like adults, most kids like to know what to expect during the day. If you keep a basic routine, students are more likely to understand expectations so they can step up and take responsibility for their part of the home day. Try to keep interruptions and distractions to a minimum to avoid derailing the day and causing unnecessary frustration.