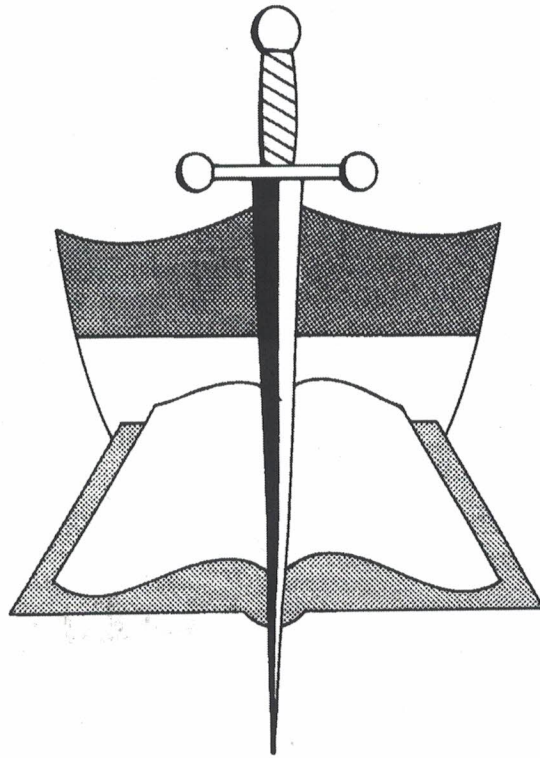

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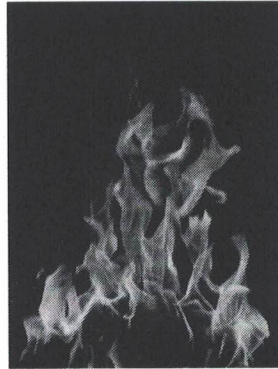


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Pre-School & Kindergarten Handbook



"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and with all your might.
These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.
You shall teach them diligently to your sons
and shall talk of them when you sit in your house
and when you walk by the way
and when you lie down and when you rise up."
-Deuteronomy 6:5-7 (NASB)

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PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

Homeschooling little ones can be INEXPENSIVE & EASY...don't get overwhelmed. If you are the "Freestyling unschooler" or the "Traditional Classical" mom, any combination of the following will work for you! To cover many children's learning styles this is a sample pattern (below) of what many successful homeschool mothers follow, but this is not "in stone," you simply have to try something and if it works put it into your daily rhythm. But by all means get a "DAILY RHYTHM!"

- For more information regarding this, read the book, *Heaven On Earth: A Handbook for Parents of Young Children* by Sharifa Oppenheimer which you can find at your local public library or interlibrary loan. It is a must for establishing peaceful and orderly routines in which early childhood education thrives.
- Another excellent read is the series by Ruth Beechick's *The Three R's*
<http://www.amazon.com/The-Three-Rs-Ruth-Beechick/dp/0880620749A>
- Gladys Hunt's *Honey for a Child's Heart* will give you ideas and lists of books to read aloud to prepare your child for the learning and home education process.
- To learn more about your child's learning style/modality, which will be essential for successful home education, read Cynthia Tobias' *The Way They Learn*.
- To understand your child's psychological and physiological development, read *The Yard Stick*.
- To learn about your child's love language, so that you can discover how they receive and give love, read Gary Chapman's *The Love Languages of Children*.

LEARNING STYLES: THE FOUR MODALITIES

Visual Preference

Students who have a visual strength or preference:

- ◆ want the teacher to provide demonstrations
- ◆ find it easy to learn through descriptions
- ◆ often use lists to keep up and organize thoughts
- ◆ often recognize words by sight
- ◆ often remember faces but forget names
- ◆ often have well developed imaginations
- ◆ are easily distracted by movement or action in the classroom
- ◆ tend to be unaware of noise
- ◆ Roughly 60% of students are visual learners.

Auditory Preference

Students who have an auditory strength or preference

- ◆ want the teacher to provide verbal instructions
- ◆ find it easy to learn by listening
- ◆ enjoy dialogues, discussions, and plays
- ◆ often remember names but forget faces
- ◆ often do well working out solutions or problems by talking them out
- ◆ are easily distracted by noise and often need to work where it is relatively quiet
- ◆ often do best using recorded books

Tactile Preference

Students who have a tactile strength or preference:

- ◆ do best when they take notes either during a lecture or when reading something new or difficult
- ◆ often like to draw or doodle to remember
- ◆ do well with hands-on activities such as projects, demonstrations, or labs

Kinesthetic Preference

Students who have a kinesthetic strength or preference:

- ◆ do best when they are involved or active
- ◆ often have high energy levels
- ◆ think and learn best while moving
- ◆ often lose much of what is said during lecture
- ◆ have problems concentrating when asked to sit and read
- ◆ prefer to *do* rather than watch or listen
- ◆ Most children are kinesthetic and become more tactile in the first grade

Need More Information?

Check out the ILS (Index of Learning Styles) or the VARK survey at the CSL

The Center for Student Learning at the Addlestone Library
843.953.5635

www.cofc.edu/~csl

Sample DAILY SCHOOL PATTERN for LITTLE ONES

1. Morning Breakfast/Chores
2. Morning Bible story & craft/coloring page
3. Morning seatwork (Phonics, Math, penmanship and Bible worksheets printables, worksheets and workbook pages)
4. MAIN SUBJECT of the day (see Daily Homeschool Focus below)
5. Lunch, Chores, OutdoorPlay or Indoor FreePlay
6. Reading Time: Library books and/or Five in a Row, more bible story books, character building....anything you deem worthy or needed
7. Online School: meaning ANY technology (limited to this hour of the day in the late afternoon) including educational videos or Netflix, Youtube like "Storybots," EASY PEASY All-in-one-Homeschool.com, Starfall and Kindle and Ipad Apps, etc.
8. FREEPLAY OR OUTDOOR PLAY
9. CHORETIME & DINNER

A typical DAILY FOCUS for LITTLE ONES (notice the one subject per day pattern)

MONDAYS (Language Arts) which includes phonics, reading practice, penmanship, Hooked on Phonics, EasyPeasy online reading program, Youtube phonics, Leapfrog Phonics (Netflix), additional worksheets or activities, etc. (we do two days of this per week)

TUESDAYS (Fine Arts) we do Hoffman Academy free online piano lessons, go through the My Violin lessons on DVD, take private piano lessons, take American Sign Language, take an art class biweekly, go to local homeschool co-op Recorder Karate Dojo and Meet the Art Masters class, Public Library Story & Craft Time (fun!), and do fun music activities and arts and crafts like tracing paper over favorite pictures, coloring books, homemade playdough with essential oils, watercolor and finger painting. #messyday

WEDNESDAYS (Mathematics) which included reading living books on mathematical themes, doing real kitchen math, sorting, counting and a myriad of montessori mathematical activities including cuisonaire rods, any and all worksheets from ABeka or Rod & Staff books or online printables and online Math activities like Starfall or www.ABCmouse.com

THURSDAYS (Language Arts) which includes phonics, reading practice, penmanship, doing Easy Peasy reading program (McGuffey readers), Hooked on Phonics, Youtube phonics, Leapfrog Phonics (Netflix), additional worksheets or activities, etc. (second day of reading/phonics this week)

FRIDAYS (Science or Social Studies) including reading library books on the subject of the week or supplemental books for Five in a Row program or doing Weebeetunes (geography and mission awareness), watching Magic Schoolbus episodes or WildKratts on Netflix, worksheets or lapbooks, etc.

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Five in a Row Review:

<http://unplugyourfamily.blogspot.com/2013/08/a-detailed-review-of-five-in-row.html>

Easy Peasy Review:

<http://www.thecurriculumchoice.com/2014/07/easy-peasy-one-homeschool-review/>

Preschool Phonics & Letters

Preschool Phonics ROD & STAFF Preschool series (A, B, C, D, E, F books):

[http://www.milestonebooks.com/item/1-11131-3/?list=Rod and Staff Bible Nurture and Reader Series](http://www.milestonebooks.com/item/1-11131-3/?list=Rod%20and%20Staff%20Bible%20Nurture%20and%20Reader%20Series)

EXPLODE the CODE (A, B, C books):

<http://www.christianbook.com/get-ready-for-the-code-book/nancy-hall/9780838817803/pd/17807>

FREE Online EasyPeasy Getting Ready 1:

<http://allinonehomeschool.com/grades/getting-ready-1/>

FREE ABC Printables:

<http://www.kindergartenmom.com/Alphabet.html>

Letter of the Week Curriculum:

<http://www.confessionsofahomeschooler.com/letter-of-the-week>

School Zone Alphabet:

<http://www.christianbook.com/alphabet-grades-k-1/9780938256038/pd/74015?event=CF>

School Zone Reading Readiness:

<http://www.christianbook.com/reading-readiness-grades-k-1/9781589473348/pd/947334?event=CF>

Kindergarten Phonics ROD & STAFF Phonics Workbook 1:

[http://www.milestonebooks.com/item/1-11151-3/?list=Rod and Staff Bible Nurture and Reader Series](http://www.milestonebooks.com/item/1-11151-3/?list=Rod%20and%20Staff%20Bible%20Nurture%20and%20Reader%20Series)

Explode the Code 1 & 1-1/2:

<http://www.christianbook.com/explode-the-code-book-1/nancy-hall/9780838814604/pd/146060>

Early Readers

Bob Books Set 1:

http://www.christianbook.com/my-first-bob-books-beginning-readers/bobby-maslen/9780439845007/pd/845001?product_redirect=1&Ntt=845001&item_code=&Ntk=keywords&event=ESRCP

Christian Liberty Press:

<http://www.shopchristianliberty.com/christian-liberty-kindergarten-phonics-readers/>

Sonlight Curriculum FUNTALES:

<http://www.sonlight.com/KR01.html>

Hooked on Phonics Kindergarten book set:h

<http://www.christianbook.com/hooked-phonics-learn-read-kindergarten-complete/9781604991437/pd/439420>

FREE Online EasyPeasy Getting Ready McGuffey Reader:

<http://allinonehomeschool.com/grades/getting-ready-1/days-172-222-mcguffey-reader/>

FREE Online Easy Peasy Getting Ready 2:

<http://allinonehomeschool.com/grades/getting-ready-2/>

FREE phonics printables:

<http://www.kindergartenmom.com/Blends.html>

Early Readers Preschool Numbers, Colors & Shapes

ABeka Numbers and Skills with Button Bear:

<https://www.abeka.com/ABekaOnline/BookDescription.aspx?sbn=168289>

Singapore Math Early Bird Book A:

<http://www.christianbook.com/earlybird-kindergarten-math-activity-book-a/9780761470175/pd/470175>

School Zone Transition Math: K-1 (easy peasy):

<http://www.christianbook.com/transition-math-grades-k-1/9780938256274/pd/74041>

Kindergarten Math ROD & STAFF Preschool series (A, B, C, D, E, F books):

[http://www.milestonebooks.com/item/1-11131-3/list=Rod and Staff Bible Nurture and Reader Series](http://www.milestonebooks.com/item/1-11131-3/list=Rod%20and%20Staff%20Bible%20Nurture%20and%20Reader%20Series)

ABeka Workbook ABC & 123

<https://www.abeka.com/ABekaOnline/BookDescription.aspx?sbn=138525>

Singapore Math Early Bird Book B

<http://www.christianbook.com/earlybird-kindergarten-math-activity-book-b/9780761470182/pd/470182>

FREE Printables

<http://www.kindergartenmom.com/Math.html>

Penmanship/SeatworkPreschool Printables FREE!

<http://www.preschoolmom.com/Themes/Alphabet.html#.U-YDzWM2O8A>

ROD & STAFF Book 1

[http://www.milestonebooks.com/item/1-11131-3/?list=Rod and Staff Bible Nurture and Reader Series](http://www.milestonebooks.com/item/1-11131-3/?list=Rod%20and%20Staff%20Bible%20Nurture%20and%20Reader%20Series)

EXPLODE the CODE ABC

<http://www.christianbook.com/get-ready-for-the-code-book/nancy-hall/9780838817803/pd/17807>

REASON for HANDWRITING K

http://www.christianbook.com/reason-for-handwriting-kindergarten-student-worktext/carol-retzer/9780936785370/pd/785373?product_redirect=1&Ntt=785373&item_code=&Ntk=keywords&event=ESRCP

Health & Science & PE

SINGAPORE Play Science

http://www.christianbook.com/singapore-childs-play-science/david-tan/9789810107529/pd/107521?product_redir_lp0-ect=1&Ntt=107521&item_code=&Ntk=keywords&event=ESRCPDK

Kindergarten Science

http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1465417265/ref=ox_sc_act_title_5?ie=UTF8&psc=1&smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER

Christian Liberty Press

<http://www.shopchristianliberty.com/the-world-god-made/>

ABeka God's World

<https://www.abeka.com/ABekaOnline/BookDescription.aspx?sbn=99600>

Rod & Staff Preschool/Kindergarten Geography & Science (G,H,I,J,K books)

http://www.milestonebooks.com/list/Rod_and_Staff_Preschool/

FREE PRINTABLES: SCIENCE

Creation Science

<http://www.christianpreschoolprintables.com/Creation.html>

Science Fact Printables

<http://www.kindergartenmom.com/Science.html>

Animal Science:

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/animals/Animalbabies.shtml>

PLANT science:

<http://www.inallyoudo.net/gardening-unit-study-prek-5/>

PE workout for kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0TgLf3PMOc>

PHYSICAL EDUTATION:

Check your local public library for exercise videos for young children

Community Helpers & History

Abeka Community Helpers Activity Book

<https://www.abeka.com/ABekaOnline/BookDescription.aspx?sbn=34851>

FREE Printable Community Helpers

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Community-Helper-Occupations-Packet-Kindergarten-Social-Studies-301651>

FREE Printable Community Helper Reader

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/FreeDownload/Community-Helpers-Free>

Rod & Staff Preschool/Kindergarten Geography & Science (G,H,I,J,K books)

[http://www.milestonebooks.com/list/Rod and Staff Preschool/](http://www.milestonebooks.com/list/Rod%20and%20Staff%20Preschool/)

Missions/World Geography

<http://www.weebeetunes.com/newsite/homeschool.html>

Bible (History grades K-2) & Bible Memorization

FREE Printable Bible Themed Units

<http://www.biblestoryprintables.com/>

FREE Calvary Curriculum "Little Ones" through the Bible

<http://www.calvarycurriculum.com/littleones.php>

Answers for Preschoolers

http://www.christianbook.com/answers-for-preschoolers-resource-packet/9781600922718/pd/922725?product_redirect=1&Ntt=922725&item_code=&Ntk=keywords&event=ESRCP

FREE Printable Scripture Copywork

<http://www.biblestoryprintables.com/BibleCopywork.html>

FREE Printable Character Scripture Copywork

<http://www.biblestoryprintables.com/BibleCopywork.html>

FREE Bible Story coloring pages (also see Calvary Curriculum above)

<http://www.biblestoryprintables.com/BibleColoring.html>

FREE Bible App for kids

http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00GURLC40/ref=as_li_ss_il?ie=UTF8&camp=1789&creative=390957&creativeASIN=B00GURLC40&linkCode=as2&tag=christpr eschp-20

LANGUAGE & FINE ARTS

Signing Time video series (at most public libraries or Amazon instant video)

http://www.amazon.com/Signing-Time-Vol-First-Signs/dp/B0050AH1HK/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1406147887&sr=8-1&keywords=signing+time

Jan Brett's Sign Language printables FREE

[http://www.janbrett.com/alphabet/manual sign alphabet main.htm](http://www.janbrett.com/alphabet/manual_sign_alphabet_main.htm)

ART, MUSIC & TechnologyGuide to Early Learning & Technology

<http://www.kidsmartearlylearning.org/EN/>

Free Art Lessons for PreK and K

<http://www.kinderart.com/artlessonsbygrade/toddlerpreschool.shtml>

Free Music Lessons for PreK & K

<http://www.kinderart.com/artlessonsbygrade/toddlerpreschool.shtml>

Kindergarten Art lessons for free (pick and choose)

<http://artroom104.blogspot.com/p/kindergarten-art-lessons.html>

www.Crayola.com

(art lesson plans available for Preschool and Kindergarten & disregard "common core" compliance)

<http://www.crayola.com/lesson-plans/>

First Grade Readiness & Thinking Skills

BEFORE FIVE IN A ROW (based on daily reading and optional activities...a numbers and phonics program recommended to supplement)

<http://fiveinarow.com/before-five-in-a-row/>

ROD & STAFF (some of the most beautiful and simple but kid appealing black and white comprehensive preschool and Kindergarten curriculum!)

<http://www.milestonebooks.com/list/Rod and Staff Preschool>

EXPLODE the CODE ABC

<http://www.christianbook.com/get-ready-for-the-code-book/nancy-hall/9780838817803/pd/17807>

BRAIN QUEST Kindergarten Workbook

[http://www.christianbook.com/brain-quest-kindergarten-workbook/lisa-trumbauer/9780761149125/pd/149120?](http://www.christianbook.com/brain-quest-kindergarten-workbook/lisa-trumbauer/9780761149125/pd/149120?product_redirect=1&Ntt=149120&item_code=&Ntk=keywords&event=ESRCP)

[product_redirect=1&Ntt=149120&item_code=&Ntk=keywords&event=ESRCP](http://www.christianbook.com/brain-quest-kindergarten-workbook/lisa-trumbauer/9780761149125/pd/149120?product_redirect=1&Ntt=149120&item_code=&Ntk=keywords&event=ESRCP)

Developing the Early Learner series books 1-4 (used by Sonlight)

<http://www.sonlight.com/PR011.html>

Kindergarten into 1st Grade

Suggestions & Ideas for Learning Activities & Curricula

1. GENERAL

Use Colored overlays (buy from Learning World or school supply store)
Choose your child's favorite color

2. READING:

Sonlight's Developing the Early Learners, Levels 1-4
For motor/visual/auditory/thinking skills
Photocopy
Seatwork- one-on-one after reading
1 page per day (maybe 2)

3. READING

Five in a Row
Downtown library has ALL of the titles
Read aloud with parent/teacher
Read "Before" list first (preschool)
1 book per week, condensed into 9 months
1 book per 2 weeks, 10-14 times, 12 months

4. READING

Read Christian Liberty Press' Kindergarten Science and Social Studies books

5. READING

Read the Bernstein Bears' Big Book of Science and Nature
Barnes & Noble

6. READING

Read 10-15 minutes every day:
I Spy
Richard Scary books
Usborne Big Book of Things to Spot
Eric Carle's Animals Animals
Eloise Wilken Treasury
The Usborn First Thousand Words

7. READING

First, read with a teacher.

Second, read again to someone else.

A Beka readers

Button Bear's

ABC123

My Blend and Word Book (A Beka)

Handbook for Reading (A Beka)

Bob Books, Box 1

Sonlight's K reading set (boxed)

Hooked on Phonics readers

8. CURRICULUM

Comprehensive Curriculum

Amazon.com

Kindergarten to Grade 1

1 page per section

Start with 1 page per day, work up to 4 pages per day

Move into A Beka's Letters and Sounds 1

9. CURRICULUM

Brain Games Kids

Kindergarten to 1st

1 page per section

Start w/1 page per day

10. HANDWRITING

www.Preschoolmom.com

www.Kindergartenmom.com

Tracing for handwriting

11. BIBLE

A Beka K5 Bible

Calvary Chapel printables

www.ABCJesusLovesMe.com

Sonlight's Family Bible

12. ART

A Beka

1 project per week, 4 per month