

Priceless Advice for Any New Homeschooling Mom

When I first started homeschooling, I had an idea of what it would look like. I ordered a huge box curriculum, bought old school desks and prepared to do school at home. I've learned many things along the way. Here are things I wish I'd known 25 years ago:

1. **Don't compare!** Don't compare yourself with other moms or your kids with other kids.
2. **Seek joy** in each day, and don't stress over the small stuff.
3. **Remember that kids learn by play.** Give them time and space to be creative without electronics.
4. **Listen to your kids.** What do they need from you? Sometimes kids act out because they want your attention. They may just need a hug or five minutes of face time with you to feel settled and at peace.
5. **Figure out how your homeschooling day/week works best for you.** Someone's perfect plan might not be right for your homeschool.
6. **Don't push your kids to do too much too soon.** Preschoolers and kindergartners don't need a full curriculum. Read aloud lots of good books. Let your kids get enough sleep. Spend time outdoors enjoying nature.
7. **Feed your soul with God's Word,** and strengthen yourself daily with God's strength.
8. **Give yourself grace.** You will mess up. Every homeschooling mom does.
9. **Don't feel what you're doing is insignificant.** Training your kids to follow God is a great work.
10. **Every child is different.** What works for one child might not work for another. Learn what helps your kids to focus and what motivates them. Know their passions. This

will help you teach in ways they can understand.

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