

Homeschool Resources

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Before homeschooling

It's important to understand how your child learns. Part of that understanding is whether your child best learns by watching, listening, or feeling - or a combination. Here is a link to understanding these elements:

<https://www.peoplestripes.org/articles/learning-styles-each-student.htm>

<http://www.educationplanner.org/students/self-assessments/learning-styles-quiz.shtml>

Also it's VERY important to understand your child's personality type - how s/he views learning. I used the Myers-Briggs test for that. And not just test your child, test yourself, too. Why? You may find that how you view learning is VERY DIFFERENT from your child's view. You can find free links to these tests:

<https://www.truity.com/test/type-finder-personality-test-new>

<https://www.16personalities.com/free-personality-test>

Resources

A lot of resources offer a free month trial. If all you need is one month, take it! Some examples:

<https://www.adaptedmind.com/index.html>

<https://study.com/>

<https://www.ducksters.com/>

Reading

Take advantage of your library's online services. I have a visual sensory integration issue. So I have a tablet that allows me to change to black background/white text/sans serif lettering which I can enlarge. A child may not like to read because traditional hardcover books (white background/black text/sarif lettering) are hard to read.

If your child doesn't enjoy reading but loves listening to a story read to him/her, many books have audio versions. You can download both ebook and audio version and have your child listen to the book while following along with the words.

Audible is currently offering free books for kids: www.audible.com

For younger students who love drawing, consider an audio story that the child can draw pictures to illustrate what s/her hears.

Math

Math does not have to be boring recitation. There are LOADS of Math websites that offer free math games for kids:

https://www.adaptedmind.com/Math-Worksheets.html?campaignId=711112994&gclid=CjwKCAjwvOHZBRBoEiwA48i6AllmAlMzOo9BNSMoUHhLm7XANZtNGtxdLZ5aj9g_-jrWxsUfXUHgnBoCp6sQAvD_BwE&utm_expId=.JHOjJtz8RcayJrZTs2CK-w.0&utm_referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F

<https://www.mathgames.com/>

<https://www.mathplayground.com/math-games.html>

<https://pbskids.org/games/math/>

<https://www.education.com/games/math/>

Art

Many museums now have virtual tours. Here's my Google search on that:

https://www.google.com/search?sxsrf=ALeKk0392LOUdikt2Parlr2a7KfZYyEHA%3A1584981294177&ei=LuV4XuSwCsXC-gSzx4WYAw&q=museum+virtual+tours&oq=museum+virtual&gs_l=psy-ab.1.0.0i131i2j0i3l4j0i131i2j0i3.824852.829136..830744...0.1..0.95.927.14.....0....1..gws-wiz.....0i71j35i39j0i273j0i67j0i20i263.XXMS0VkueB8

As for lessons, there are many online art lessons and here's my Google search on that:

https://www.google.com/search?sxsrf=ALeKk00YJIO-MUE-JkzzF5phEI-iLYFezw%3A1584982126074&ei=buh4XpGCBOTB7gL6-ZjIDw&q=online+art+lessons+for+kids+free&oq=online+art+lessons+for+kids+free&gs_l=psy-ab.3...60843.81198..81450...7.1..0.240.3215.30j4j3.....0....1..gws-wiz.....0i71j35i39j0i67j0i131j0i273j0i20i263j0i10j0i13j0i13i30j0i13i10i30j0i7i30j0i22i30.2iIWI F3HXxl&ved=0ahUKEwiR8eXEhrHoAhXkoFsKHfo8BvkQ4dUDCAs&uact=5

History

History channel has tons of historical videos. You can stream for free for one week. Some of the best shows:

American Presidents
The Men Who Built America
How the States Got their Shapes

You can also find many historical videos on YouTube.

Historical occurrences don't happen in a vacuum. After learning about an event on a particular date, go see what else was happening around the world:

<https://www.wdl.org/en/sets/world-history/timeline/>

<https://www.timelines.ws/>

<https://www.softschools.com/timelines/>

You can also incorporate a "This Day in History":

<https://www.britannica.com/on-this-day>

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history>

Writing

If your child loves art and writing, try calligraphy. You can find many free, downloadable worksheets. Here's a link to my Google search:

https://www.google.com/search?rlz=1CAPPDO_enUS785US787&sxsrf=ALeKk02J6qL4WnFjgoBePqUJbeMc7dfHg%3A1584979979279&ei=C-B4Xv7LENSw0PEPmvGk8AY&q=calligraphy+worksheets&oq=calligraphy+work&gs_l=psy-ab.1.0.0i10.1902.10189..12237...2.3..0.73.1061.18.....0....1..gws-wiz.....0i71j35i39j0i10i273j0i131j0i67j0i20i263j0i131i67j0i10i67j0i10.2tmz4Gddk yo

You can order calligraphy markers, like Elegant Writer, from Amazon or any online art site:

https://www.amazon.com/Speedball-Elegant-Writer-Calligraphy-Instructional/dp/B001DKJLEC/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=elegant+writer&qid=1584981166&sr=8-3

English

Typically, this is grammar. When I was in school, I learned how to diagram sentences. This may not be for everyone, but, if your child likes math, this may be another way to talk about grammar in a different way. Here's my Google search:

https://www.google.com/search?sxsrf=ALeKk03Q4cyOwf6_mfoM_hgUR0EPL8KrOQ%3A1584981282366&source=hp&ei=luV4XtnkE9L4-wSlqbmYCA&q=sentence+diagramming+worksheets&oq=sentence+di&gs_l=psy-ab.1.1.0j0i20i263j0i8.5124.8512..10784...2.0..0.94.806.11.....0....1..gws-wiz.....10..35i362i39j35i39j0i273j0i131j0i67j0i131i273j0i131i67.0YKsxf3RQw