

# TIPS ON SCHEDULING

Don't let the schedule rule your day...remember the schedule is there to serve you, not you the schedule. The schedule is FLEXIBLE!

- Do not schedule too many outside activities – in order to home school you must be home!
- Have school Monday through Thursday, plan outside activities for the early part of the day on Friday.
- Know the traffic hours and try to avoid rush hour traffic. Save time by doing your errands a low traffic times.
- Give your older children more opportunities to be involved in activities outside of the home. Younger children should focus more on their lessons rather than out outside activities.
- Involve your children in helping you around the house. You can train children at an early age to participate in chores. Start with simple chores like picking up toys and making beds. Train your older children to clean their rooms, dust, do dishes, vacuum etc.
- Give your older children more time for their studies. When my children turned 15 their chore time was cut in half, this gave the older children the opportunity to pay more attention to their school work.
- Focus on having your child master a subject rather than trying to make your child move on to keep pace with the curriculum schedule.
- If you are having particular difficulty with a child in one subject, try focusing on that subject every day. You may have to focus on division for example for two months. Do it repetitiously until the child really gets the concept cemented in their mind.
- Meal times make great opportunities for reading aloud. Read to your children while they clean the kitchen. Before you know it they will be searching for more work to do just so that you can keep reading the story!
- If you have several children, work out a schedule for each child that allows you to spend some one on one time. Arrange it so that you can teach one child while the other ones are working on subject that they can do on their own.
- Try to coordinate times with your older and younger children working together: allow the younger children to listen in on older children's lessons while playing quietly or coloring.
- Don't schedule school work too late into the afternoon. Morning time is the best. Make sure to give your children time for free play and yourself time for a little recuperation!