

CSTHEA'S PRESCHOOL GUIDE

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This guide is intended to help you get started with your preschooler. This is not an exhaustive resource guide to homeschooling your preschooler.

At the expo, please seek out the ladies wearing the silk flowers if you have questions. These are veteran homeschool moms that are willing to help you.

What should you be doing now?

Homeschooling can take many forms; some people will want to introduce science by using textbooks while others will introduce it by taking nature walks. You can find curriculum that will give you a rough sketch of the topic or you can get an ultra detailed, step by step guide for the subjects that you do not feel comfortable teaching. One of the joys of homeschooling is that legitimate teaching can employ some very non-traditional methods. There are some intense and thorough preschool curriculums available, however; we would encourage you to enjoy the preschool years with your child. This should be a time of exploration and creating a love of learning. Now is the time to begin planning your homeschooling journey with your child. Browse the aisles of the expo and look at what you can do in homeschooling. To make informed choices, read all that you can about homeschooling. Listed below are some books for suggested reading.

A Few Helpful Books

How to Homeschool: A Practical Approach, by Gayle Graham
The Ultimate Guide To Homeschooling, by Debra Bell
Choosing & Using Curriculum, by Joyce Herzog
The Way They Learn, by Cynthia Tobias
Educating the Whole Hearted Child, by Clay & Sally Clarkson
Charlotte Mason Companion, by Karen Andreola
100 Top Picks For Homeschooling Curriculum, by Cathy Duffy
For The Children's Sake, by Susan Schaeffer Macaulay



All Subjects

Slow and Steady Get Me Ready: A Parents' Handbook, Oberlander – This book will give appropriate skills for each developmental age with one activity per week.

Before Five in a Row,

www.fiveinarow.com – Curriculum based on reading a picture book for 5 days in a row. After reading the story each day, you will do an activity in math, art, or history, etc, relating to the story.

Picture Book Preschool, Sherry Diane Early – A list of 7 books on one topic with some suggested activities for each week.

Early Education at Home, Jean Soyke – complete course of instruction for children ages 3-5, using simple, inexpensive materials that can be found in the home

Ambleside Online Year 0

www.amblesideonline.com

Making the Most of the Preschool Years, by Valerie Bendt – This curriculum details 100 activities encouraging preschoolers to engage in independent play.

Abeka, www.abeka.com (This is a complete/intense curriculum)

Bob Jones, www.bjup.com (This is a complete/intense curriculum)

Instant Curriculum, - Rather than providing cut and dried daily lesson plans, this resource includes hundreds of activities specifically designed for young children categorized under skill and topic.

Bible

Greenleaf guide to the Old Testament, Greenleaf Press- Allows you to read through the Old Testament chronologically.

Day by Day Kid's Bible, Karyn Henley Resources – This gives a chronological journey through the entire Scripture narrative with companion devotions.

Leading Little Ones to God by Marian Schoolland

Books

These are guides to children's literature

Honey for a Child's Heart, Gladys Hunt

The Read Aloud Handbook, Jim Trelease

Books Children Love, Elizabeth Wilson

Books That Build Character, William Kilpatrick

Science/Nature Study

Roots, Shoots, Buckets and Boots, Sharon Lovejoy

The Nature Corner: Celebrating the Years Cycle with a Seasonal Tableau, M.v Leeuwen and J. Moeskops

First Complete Book of Nature by Usborne

Math

Alpha Bug game

Beginning Math Mouse game

Skip counting tapes

Geoboards

Lauri 1-20 Puzzle, Lauri number Plaques and Number play

Hand crafts/Activities

Pattern Blocks

Felt Crafts, Petra Berger

Felt Tales Story Boards

Laurie Stringing Pegs and Peg Boards sets

Art

What Shall I Do Today? By Usborne

A Child's Book of Art, by Lucy Micklethwait