

Whitmore Homeschool Resources

These are our resources. They might work for you. They might not. They might work for 1 kiddo and then be terrible for the next. We all learn differently and at different paces. There is nothing wrong with that. I think that is great to recognize early and honor that in each child, just as we would in the adults around us. The resources and suggestions below are meant to be just that - resources and suggestions! I cannot prescribe anything that will work for all children or families. Enjoy the process of discovering your own child - their strengths and weaknesses. Learning is fun and doesn't have to be a chore. Enjoy!

Questions? Feel Free to reach out anytime :)

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Schedule

- Make your own - what works for your family!
- Grades K-3: 1-1.5 hours per day
 - Reading - 30 mins 1-2x per day minimum
 - Read out loud
 - Math - Drill basics till they are 100%
 - Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division (fast math)
 - Science, History, Handwriting, Grammar last - as kids have energy and should be fun - see below for ideas
- Grades 4-6: 3-4 hours per day
 - Reading - IF not a proficient reader (able to read most things) than this should be your main focus until they are able to read well (eloquently) out loud - this is the biggest differentiator in a child's ability to independently learn.
 - Math - IF basics are not 100% fast - go back and drill till they are - once
- Grades 7-12: 6-8 hours per day or less if they can get it done faster :)
 - No more than a work day

Reading

- Classics - Fill home with great options to read, in paper.
 - If your child is 'stuck' on a certain book or series such as Diary of a Wimpy Kid - feel free to put that series out of reach for awhile so that you can visually move on from what is easy - we will all (even adults) always choose what is easier when given the option ;)
- Kindle - easy option for car

- Audible (goes on Kindle) - we fill our audible (3 books per month) with classics that are hard to read or just fun classics - Think Dickens, Shakespeare, War and Peace, Your Childhood Favorites :)
 - My kids listen to audible a lot - 1+ hour per day, often when they are playing legos or something with their hands. Great way to not fight with each other, laugh and enjoy literature passively. They often listen to books 3-4 times just because they love the book.

Math

- Singapore - K-4
- Saxon - Grades 4-7
- Mr. D Math - for high school Pre-Algebra +
- Kahn Academy - Fun Review
- IXL.com - great analysis for parents and can/should be practiced 30 minutes per day, especially through summer months

Writing

- Handwriting Without Tears, we pursue cursive as well
- Copy work - great works - good memory work too
- IEW - Institute for Excellence in Writing - Staple for 4-7 grade
- Big Life Journal - Therapeutic
- Open Journaling - Story Starters - "white board style"
- The Quest - Bible Study Journal

Science

- National Geographic - Read monthly - Adult and Kid versions
- Mystery Science - MysteryScience.com
- KiwiCo Boxes
- Mel Science Boxes
- Kahn - aimed at High School (my grade school kids also really enjoy the content)
 - Biology
 - Chem
 - Health & Medicine
 - Electrical Engineering

History

- Story of the World - Download with Workbook
- Kahn Academy
 - Just partnered with World History Project - a Bill Gates initiative and is great
- Great Literature - we surround ourselves with non-fiction books so there is lots to learn :)
- Memorize a Timeline - we do Classical Conversations 14 minute Timeline - this is Classical Peg Board Theory

Code

- <https://learn.grasshopper.app/>

- Kahn Academy
- Outschool.com - take a code or gaming class

Grammar

- Well Ordered Language
- IXL.com - great Diagnostic, Practice

Music

- Outschool.com - take instrument lessons - Guitar, Ukulele, Violin, Piano, Drum
- Music Theory - Get a basic book and work through it together

PE

- TRX - buy and do free Videos online
- Yoga for kids
- Outschool.com - do a kids class