

Tips for Success:

- Lesson plan your day ahead of time!
- Keep all your school items in one place. This will cut down on the “roaming” time.
- Have a specific turn in location for completed work for parent review and grading.
- Set time limits for your student to help them stay on task.
- Choose a starting time for your school day...and start!
- Include errands and appointments in your lesson plans, and plan accordingly with independent work.
- Keep a binder with passcodes, answer keys, and important information you will need to access regularly. This will keep you from becoming frustrated and/or from “roaming” too.
- Meal plan and maybe cook a few extra meals ahead of time. Count cereal or pancakes as a dinner option too!
- Put your phone on silent - that includes notifications.
- Have set break times to check messages. Limit returning calls. Even a “quick” call may take an hour.
- Pick a room a day to clean or plan for a set cleaning day.
- Schedule time in your day for chores, meal prep, etc.
- Plan for down time. It is good for kids to be a bit bored.
- You will be the most successful if you plan what works for you and your child/children.
- Plan for parent driven assignments when you will be least distracted.

- **Be flexible, but don't use flexibility as an excuse to lose focus of the goal.**
- Find field trips, co-ops, vendors, or clubs to enjoy, but do not overload your day/week. Know what you and your student can handle, and what is profitable for them. You may be a super woman, but don't expect yourself to be Superwoman!
- Don't compare yourself, your plan, your activities, or your kids to someone else. **Your goal should always be, "What can I do to help my child succeed?"**
- Enjoy your children and this amazing journey of homeschool. It will be over before you know it, and you don't get a do over!