

MONTHLY CALENDARS

*the Organized
Homeschool Life*



**A WEEK-BY-WEEK GUIDE
TO HOMESCHOOL SANITY**

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January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
	Week 1: Personal Devotions	Plan personal devotions	Plan couple devotions	Plan family devotions	<i>New Year's Day</i>	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Week 2: Schedule	You and older kids track your current schedule	Continue tracking and choose one schedule change to try	Continue tracking and plan a time to evaluate your schedule change	Continue tracking and choose a schedule format	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Week 3: Tasks	Discuss approaches & choose a method to try	Get the materials needed to manage tasks and set up	Add a small number of tasks to your list and work on them	Continue working on your task list; discuss likes & dislikes	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Week 4: Photos/Videos	Discuss & choose method for organizing photos & videos	Purchase materials. Move photos and videos to a safe place	Begin documenting 2013. How can older kids help?	Choose top priority project & plan how to complete it	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Week 5: Decluttering	Make a list of all gifts received for Christmas	Collect items to declutter based on yesterday's list	Put unwanted books/ curriculum aside or list for sale	Deliver unwanted items to charity, the post office, or consignment	

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Week 6: Computer	2 Create a safety plan	3 Maximize performance	4 Organize your desktop	5 Declutter files	6
7	8 Week 7: Marriage	9 Evaluate your marriage	10 Plan regular time together	11 Plan special time together	12 Speak your spouse's love language	13
14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 Week 8: Parenting	16 Have the kids evaluate you	17 Have a parent-teacher conference	18 Have a conference with each child	19 Plan special time for each child	20
21	22 Week 9: Extended Family	23 Discuss potential roles of family in school	24 Discuss ideas for serving family	25 Discuss ideas for connecting with family	26 Put one of your ideas into practice	27
28	29 Week 10: Spring Activities	1 Research ideas	2 Make a bucket list	3 Add them to the calendar	4 Gather supplies	5

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
	Week 10: Spring Activities	Research ideas	Make a bucket list	Add them to the calendar	Gather supplies	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Week 11: Spring Cleaning	Research & choose tasks	Add tasks to the calendar	Teach one cleaning task	Decorate	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Week 12: Easter	Plan events	Plan spiritually	Plan outfits	Plan gifts & crafts	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Week 13: Church	Review current service	Consider time commitment	Consider talents	Consider tithes	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	Week 14: Chores	Decide which chores	Assign chores	Choose system	Teach 1 Chore	

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 Week 14: Chores	29 Decide which chores	30 Assign chores	31 Choose system	1 Teach 1 chore	2
3	4 Week 15: Finances	5 Set family goal	6 Identify wasteful spending	7 Identify ways to increase income	8 Create tracking system	9
10	11 Week 16: Curriculum	12 Evaluate current curriculum	13 List next year's needs	14 Research	15 Create shopping list/ buy	16
17	18 Week 17: Friendships	19 Plan activities with kids' friends	20 Discuss options for new friends	21 Plan mom activities	22 Plan surprise for friends	23
24	25 Week 18: Family Celebrations	26 Review calendar	27 Discuss preferences	28 Plan parties	29 Organize cards/gifts	30

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Week 19: Clothing	3 Sort & make shopping list for kids	4 Sort & make shopping list for kids	5 Sort & make shopping list for yourself	6 Take clothing to consignment or charity	7
8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9 Week 20: Vacations	10 Discuss vacation plans with your spouse	11 Discuss activities with kids	12 Create packing lists	13 Purchase needed supplies	14
15	16 Week 21: Summer	17 Discuss likes & dislikes of last summer	18 Complete a summer bucket list	19 Plan summer activities with others	20 Plan summer school	21
22	23 Week 22: Outdoor Activities	24 Inventory supplies for outdoor activities	25 Make a list of needed items	26 Organize sports & entertaining equipment	27 Purchase needed supplies	28
29	30 Week 23: Used Curriculum <i>Memorial Day</i>	31 Review dates & curriculum needs	1 Cull unwanted curriculum	2 Prepare material for sale	3 Sell or buy used curriculum	4

June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30 Week 23: Used Curriculum	31 Review dates & curriculum needs	1 Cull unwanted curriculum	2 Prepare material for sale	3 Sell or buy used curriculum	4
5	6 Week 24: School Space	7 Declutter	8 Deep clean	9 Discuss problems with the space	10 Plan / shop for changes	11
12	13 Week 25: Goal Setting	14 Review the past year	15 Set school year goals	16 Discuss how to overcome obstacles	17 Find a way to keep them visible	18
19 <i>Father's Day</i>	20 Week 26: Planning	21 Discuss what you want in a planner & system	22 Research & purchase supplies	23 Set up system for materials	24 Set up system for records	25
26	27 Week 27: Bible	28 Prep primary curriculum	29 Prep memory curriculum	30 Prep character curriculum	1 Prep personal reading	2

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27 Week 27: Bible	28 Prep primary curriculum	29 Prep memory curriculum	30 Prep character curriculum	1 Prep personal reading	2
3	4 Week 28: Special Study Prep <i>Independence Day</i>	5 Set up system of organization	6 Research	7 Plan	8 Shop / List materials	9
10	11 Week 29: Extra- Curricular	12 Discuss potential activities	13 Research	14 Register	15 Shop	16
17	18 Week 30: Core Curriculum Prep	19 Set up system of organization	20 Research	21 Plan	22 Shop / List materials	23
24	25 Week 31: Elective Curriculum Prep	26 Set up system of organization	27 Research	28 Plan	29 Shop / List materials	30
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August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1 Week 32: Back to School	2 Create a school schedule	3 Plan activities to make 1st day special	4 Check school supplies	5 Shop	6
7	8 Week 33: Fall Bucket	9 Discuss last fall	10 Research ideas	11 Complete bucket list	12 Calendar / Shop	13
14	15 Week 34: Bedroom	16 Declutter toys, treasures	17 Sort seasonal clothing	18 Organize read / study space	19 Create shopping list	20
21	22 Week 35: Pantry Clean Out	23 Clean pantry	24 List items in pantry/freezer	25 Find recipes using these	26 Make shopping list, shop	27
28	29 Week 36: Meal Planning	30 List favorite dinners & 1 new	31 List favorite lunches & 1 new	1 List favorite breakfasts & 1 new	2 List favorite snacks & desserts & 1 new	3

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 Week 36: Meal Planning	30 List favorite dinners & 1 new	31 List favorite lunches & 1 new	1 List favorite breakfasts & 1 new	2 List favorite snacks & desserts & 1 new	3
4	5 Week 37: Grocery Shopping <i>Labor Day</i>	6 Get grocery layout lists	7 Create master shopping list	8 Continue creating shopping list	9 Shop and put away	10
11	12 Week 38: Organized Kitchen	13 Organize dishes, cups	14 Set up snack centers	15 Move seldom-used items	16 Organize for kid cooking	17
18	19 Week 39: Freezer Cooking	20 Decide on approach	21 Choose recipes; create shopping list	22 Shop & prep	23 Assemble	24
25	26 Week 40: Hospitality	27 Study importance	28 Eval as a guest	29 Inventory / list	30 Organize / shop	1

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3 Week 41: Blog / Business	4 Prayer / Purpose	5 Identify 20%	6 Identify time- savers	7 Time block	8
9	10 Week 42: Hobby	11 Identify priorities	12 Declutter	13 Organize	14 Time block	15
16	17 Week 43: Charity	18 Discuss options & pray	19 Research	20 Calendar & reminders	21 Organize	22
23	24 Week 44: Thanksgiving	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Week 45: Christmas	Discuss last year	Plan meal	Research gratitude ideas	Order materials / shop	

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31 Week 45: Christmas	1 Discuss last Christmas	2 Set up Christmas planner	3 Add events to calendar	4 Plan ideas for making it meaningful	5
6	7 Week 46: Christmas Decorating	8 Get out decorations & sort	9 Research ideas	10 Shop for pre- made & craft supplies	11 Make homemade decorations <i>Veterans' Day</i>	12
13	14 Week 47: Christmas Shopping	15 Make gift shopping list	16 Make clothing & other shopping list	17 Research flyers & sites	18 Add sale dates to calendar	19
20	21 Week 48: Home Ec	22 Find books or videos that teach cooking	23 Involve kids in table setting & cooking	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	25 Put Thanksgiving items away	26
27	28 Week 49: Hot Spot	29 List all hot spots; identify worst	30 Clear a hot spot & prevent	1 Clear a hot spot & prevent	2 Clear a hot spot & prevent	3

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28 Week 49: Hot Spot	29 List all hot spots; identify worst	30 Clear a hot spot & prevent	1 Clear a hot spot & prevent	2 Clear a hot spot & prevent	3
4	5 Week 50: Curriculum Review	6 Review all curricula for satisfaction	7 Discuss changes for what doesn't work	8 Research options	9 Purchase / List items	10
11	12 Week 51: Company Clean	13 List rooms that need extra cleaning	14 Declutter	15 Team clean	16 Team clean	17
18	19 Week 52: Peace & Joy	20 Discuss stress & God's peace	21	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>
25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26 Discuss the joys of the season	27	28	29	30 Review the past year	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>