

Example Homeschool Schedule

One of the joys of homeschooling is creating a schedule tailored to your family's specific needs. This example schedule is similar to the one that Jenny Phillips uses to teach five children. If you teach fewer children, your schedule may be reduced.

Subjects by Days of the Week

4–5 Days a Week	Math, Language Arts, Extra Reading
2–5 Days a Week	Handwriting, Typing
2 Days a Week	Science, History
1 Day a Week	Music Appreciation, Field Trip, Free Day, Nature Notebook, etc.

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Monday–Thursday

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Math + Audio Book	Spend 15–30 minutes with each child on a math lesson, and then have each child spend 15–30 minutes completing the math assignment on his or her own. When the child is not working on math, have the child listen to an audio book from <i>The Good and the Beautiful Book List</i> (or do another independent activity, such as handwriting or personal reading). Ideally, the audio book should be 2–3 levels above the child's reading level. Listening to audio books is a very good use of time, as long as the books have high literary and moral value.
10:30–10:40: Clean up math and get ready for science or history	
10:40 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Science or History	Do science two days a week and history two days a week. Our history courses allow time for you to read a history read-aloud as part of each lesson.
11:30 a.m.–12:30 pm: Lunch and Break	
12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Language Arts Rotations	See the video “Teaching Language Arts to Multiple Children” on www.jennyphillips.com/ helps. Language arts rotations could include the language arts course, handwriting, typing, and extra reading. Younger children will not need a full 1.5 hours.

Friday

Free Day: Field trip, music appreciation, nature notebooks, creative writing, arts & crafts, etc.

Tips if you have several young children or just can't fit it all in:

- Try doing handwriting and typing every other day instead of every day.
- Remember that Level 4 and above language arts courses are mainly self-directed by the child.
- Have older children help younger children. They can help read with the child, help practice poetry or spelling words, or even do the language arts lessons.
- For lower level language arts, do the course book every day, but switch off doing spelling and phonics cards every other day.