

# PRE-K & K

REV YOUR ENGINES, BUT DON'T KICK INTO GEAR JUST YET

## Feed Curiosity Teach Diligence



The delightful years of wonder begin when you realize that your child is not only curious, but able to recall and reason. Tiny buds of critical thinking are forming in their frontal cortex that need to be carefully and mindfully fertilized and watered. Too much or too little and the magic is squashed.

Yes, they can learn to count to 100. Yes, they can learn to read. Yes, they can learn to write. They can learn to do all of these things, and they will in order to please you.

Until around age 7, children learn through play. If they love learning it is because you are a wonderful playmate! Great job!!

-but temper yourself! A life-long learner, like any great tree, grows slowly. Too fast and it is leggy with weak roots. Ignored and it is stunted.

You know your child(ren)'s capacity, your family's goals, your own rhythm. Trust yourself and follow your child's interests.



# CURRICULUM

LESS IS DEFINITELY MORE in this stage of the game. Read the same books again and again, at their level, above their level, below their level. Spend hours snuggled up reading. Allow the children to build or color, but not play/do anything with rules.

Write love letters and treasure hunts to encourage them to want to read and write. Have them trace their name until they have it. Learn and do is not for now. Now is the time for show and copy - with a good attitude.

Never tell your child they are 'so smart' as, at some point, a concept will be difficult for them, but they will want to hide it from you since it is connected (in their minds) to your love of them. Instead tell them what 'hard workers' they are. Would you rather marry a smart person or a hard working person?

This is the stage of setting your daily rhythm (great articles per level in another Resource section!), attitude, & expectation.

### Learning as Life

Wake to a love letter from mom to see what books you might select from for Read Aloud snuggletime  
-read, read, read and weave in historical fiction.

Make up math stories from any/everything to introduce how numbers (things) interact. NEVER say that you were bad at math!! Math is simply another way of thinking, and you were not introduced to it being the interaction of things rather than squiggles on a page.

Art as science explore/discover and handwriting readiness.



This is a time for you to read homeschool books on theory in order to create your own brand. No two parents homeschool alike even if they use the same books! My favorite [pedagogy books here](#).

Determine if you are a relaxed Charlotte Mason classical educator, a scheduled traditional educator, a gentle guide using academics to teach diligence, a mama imparting knowledge throughout the day, an unschooler, or some combination.

### Learning with Books

Children's books, [Children's Illustrated Classics](#), Classics for read aloud. -sets up readiness for quality reading/comprehension when older

[Teach your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons](#) - taking breaks as they indicate needed

[Singapore Math](#), US Edition workbooks A/B only -my husband turned his high school math classes around by having the elementary levels use Singapore math to set firm mathematical foundations!

[Nature Connection](#) explore/discover science

[A Child's History of the World](#) -short, engaging, limited, and just the right chapter lengths!