

Homeschooling: A Labor of Love

(Submitted by a couple of homeschool moms as an example of what guides them)

Homeschool Philosophy and Advantages:

- ✚ I love my children
- ✚ Best learning environment for them
- ✚ 1:1 student teacher ratio
- ✚ I can give exactly what my child needs
- ✚ I can teach them what I feel is morally and ethically acceptable (our values)
- ✚ I can include our religious beliefs in our curriculum
- ✚ Work as a group: family situation is a group – school, chores, etc.
- ✚ Socialization – family activities, playing with neighborhood kids, church, community activities, friends, and positive role models of parents
- ✚ The children have more time: to read, to learn responsibility through chores, to play and use imagination, to be with each other, to obey
- ✚ No need to re-teach or re-program – they are not getting two different value systems
- ✚ Kids learn to love each other more
- ✚ Having them home allows them to be children without growing up the wrong way
- ✚ Learn to be servants of one another

Homeschool Goals

- To love the Lord the God with all their hearts, souls, and minds
- To love one another, especially as brothers and sisters
- To put others first and serve one another; first at home, then in the community
- To grow intellectually and become independent learners
- To learn logically and incrementally in all subjects
- To learn about the world around them and God's hands in all things
- To learn according to their strengths, talents, gifts and even weaknesses
- To grow physically with the best possible health and fitness
- To learn to care for themselves and others physically
- To be problem solvers, not problem identifiers
- To be good stewards of their money, time and talents
- To grow in character above all intellectual pursuits – key to success
- To set them up for success in all areas of life