Sample Assignment Sheets for Daily Lessons

Instructions and Explanations:

Create a template on your computer that you can just print off every day. This lists your expectations for the lessons your kids will accomplish on any specific day.

Each morning, either edit the list and then print it or print it and then edit it by hand, as needed. Some days may need no edits.

We do some group lessons only a few times per week, so that will change usually from day to day for us. For example, as a group we do history about 3 times per week, spelling about 2 times per week, and vocabulary or sentence diagramming about 2 times per week. Any given day, I decide what we are doing as a group and edit that section.

Some days we have extra DEARS time or extra independent work so the Mom can get more stuff done, so their independent assignments would change due to less supervision available from me.

Some days we play some family academic games together (Math games, spelling games, etc), so I let the kids cross off a couple of their independent lessons (I have veto rights on what they decide).

Often I can just write "Science" or another topic, because the student and I have already agreed what is an acceptable amount of progress to make in his workbook for that topic. Other times I write specific page numbers.

Here's the big idea in all this: Your kids need somewhere OTHER THAN YOUR HEAD where the expectations for their work are clearly communicated.

Below are three examples of lists I have used. One of the samples has blanks—that was a day I told them to write in their ideas for the lessons they would accomplish (again, I had veto rights).

Name of Child #1

Name of Child #2

- \Box Read Bible Alone
- \Box Catechism 41-43
- □ DEARS Writing
- \Box Practice Poem
- \Box Math with Mom
- □ Apples Spelling: 1 page
- $\hfill\square$ Science with Mom
- □ Typing for 15 minutes
- History workbook
 page
- \Box Poetry homework
- \Box Practice Percussion
- Tell yourself, "If I get things wrong, I can try again until I figure it out."

- □ Read Bible Alone
- □ Catechism 33-35
- DEARS Writing
- □ Practice Poem
- □ Science: p. 23 top half
- \Box Math: 6 problems
- □ Explode the Code: 3 pages
- □ Practice Piano
- History workbookpage
- □ Typing for 20 minutes
- Tell yourself, "I can grow my brain by learning hard things."

Name of Child #3

- □ Read Bible Alone
- □ Catechism 67-69
- □ DEARS Writing
- □ Science: read a library book
- $\hfill\square$ Grammar with Mom
- □ Handwriting: 1 page
- Practice Violin
- Explode the Code: 2 pages
- □ 5 Minute Math Drill
- \Box Tell yourself,
 - "When I make a mistake, I learn from it and get better."

Group Lessons

- \square Bible time
- □ Geometric Art
- DEARS Time
- □ Vocabulary
- □ History / Geography
- □ Spelling

Today is: Wednesday, September 5th, 2018

Check off each assignment after you do it. An adult will verify that you have done this work at the end of the afternoon, with a big check.

Name of Child #1

- \square Red Chores
- **DEARS** Time
- Handwriting П
- Catechism
- Math
- □ Apples Spelling
- \Box Science:
- History Workbook
- Spend at least 30 minutes writing more about your Texas trip
- □ Tell yourself, "I know how to work hard and try new strategies."
- Practice Percussion

Name of Child #2

- **Red Chores**
- **DEARS** time
- Catechism
- Handwriting
- Word Ladder
- Explode the Code
- Practice Piano П
- \Box Science:
- Math П
- Tell yourself, "When I make a mistake and fix it. that helps me learn."

Name of Child #3

- **DEARS** time
- Catechism
- Handwriting
- Word Ladder
- Explode the Code
- **Practice Piano**
- Science: П
- 5 Minute Math Drill
- Tell yourself, "I like to push through hard things to learn."

Group Lessons

- Bible time
- **DEARS** writing
- Spelling
- Vocabulary
- Sentence diagramming
- □ History

Afternoon Fun at **Hensley House !** Finish all your lessons so you can just play when you get there!

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Name of Child #1

- \Box Red Chores
- □ Read Bible Alone
- □ Catechism 20-21
- □ Poem Memory work
- □ DEARS Writing
- \Box Handwriting book
- \square Math
- □ Apples Spelling
- \Box Science
- □ Writing Assignment
- □ Orange Chores
- □ Yellow Chores
- □ Typing
- □ Practice Percussion
- Tell yourself, "If I get things wrong, I can try again until I figure it out."

Name of Child #2

- \Box Red Chores
- \Box Read Bible Alone
- \Box Catechism 9-10
- □ Poem Memory work
- □ Handwriting page
- □ DEARS writing
- \Box Word Ladder
- \Box Explode the Code
- □ Practice Piano
- \Box Science
- □ Spelling
- □ Math
- □ Orange Chore
- □ Yellow Chore
- □ Typing
- Tell yourself, "I know how to work hard!"

Name of Child #3

- \Box Red Chores
- \Box Read Bible Alone
- □ Catechism 49-50
- \Box Choose new poem
- □ DEARS writing
- □ Handwriting book
- □ Word Ladder
- \Box Explode the Code
- □ Science
- □ Spelling
- □ 5 Minute Math Drill
- \Box Orange Chore
- □ Yellow Chore
- Tell yourself,
 "When I make a mistake, I learn from it and get better."

Group Lessons

- \square Bible time
- □ DEARS Time
- □ Library Field Trip
- □ Read Library Books