

Choosing Curriculum: BCA offers a yearly allotment to cover the cost of curriculum and activities. Some families want a computer based curriculum and others prefer a more book based, pencil and paper method. Many families pick and choose a combination of the two. We have lots of resources as well as a recommended list of tried and true options. We're here to help you make the best decisions for your specific goals and needs.

Curriculum ideas: _____

Organizing your space: Setting aside a space in your home, whether that be the kitchen table or a separate room in the home, is key to helping create a successful learning environment. Make a place to learn and keep all books and learning tools close by. Having an organized space is a huge key to success. If you need ideas for how to do this, please reach out to your Learning Coordinator or reach out to parents during your cohort time.

Ideas for your space: _____

Making a schedule: Every family has very unique needs and goals. What works for one family will not work for another. Take time to think about your own lifestyle and how homeschooling will look for your situation. Will you have a set daily schedule? Will you do some subjects a little each day or will you group them into chunks of learning? Are you doing any extracurricular activities? Can you do any audio tapes/lessons while you are traveling in the car? If you don't know how to start, talk to your child's Learning Coordinator.

Ideas for our schedule: _____

Figuring out your homeschool style: Take some time to think about what values you have and what kind of style your family would thrive with. Some families want a very clear program that is already laid out for them. Others might want something more loosely structured so that they can have room for their own creativity and ideas. Some families really enjoy hands on learning that might involve many outings into nature. Some prefer more concrete learning times with specific topics and start and stop times. Some do the majority of schooling in the morning with a more open afternoon. There is no right or wrong way to do it, so don't be afraid to try one way and then make changes as you go.

Our style: _____

Determining the way your child learns best: Children can learn best in many different ways. For example, children can be visual learners, auditory learners, kinesthetic learners, as well as many other learning styles or a combination of them. Finding what best suits your unique child's learning style and interests will be very valuable. This is also something Bridge Charter Academy can help you identify.

How my child learns best: _____

Setting some realistic expectations: Just like our children, we as parents are learning too. We are learning how to teach our children. We will make mistakes. We will find that something we are trying isn't working and will need to adapt. Give yourself and your children grace as you go through this process and realize that mistakes are wonderful learning opportunities that are an essential part of growing. If you are feeling overwhelmed then that is a great sign to reach out for help. We are here to support you and help you whenever you need.

Encouraging reminder: _____