

Ages and Stages: Favorite Resources

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Favorite Preschool Resources

MATH

Cuisenaire rods and rod track, pattern blocks, counters, Learning Wrap Ups, abacus, rulers, tape measures, measuring cups and spoons, thermometer, a cheap calculator (to play with), a cheap clock (to play with), balance scale, attribute blocks, Mighty Mind (pattern blocks and patterns)

READING: Be a "laundry basket lady" at your local library

Bob books

Dr. Seuss books

Explode the Code

CHURCH RESOURCES: Scripture Stories (illustrated, summarized stories from each book of scripture), Gospel Art Kit, Visual Aid Cutouts, Friend magazine

GAMES AND TOYS: Tangrams, Memory, Hoot Owl Hoot, Fish Sticks, Spot It!, all puzzles, wooden blocks, gear toys, Bristle Blocks, Tinker Toys, Lego Duplos, Sum Swamp, Camelot Junior, S'Match, Mental Blox

Favorite Elementary School Resources

MATH

Miquon Math Lab (you need to get Lab Sheet Annotations also); *Life of Fred*; *Calculus by and for Young People* by Don Cohen; *Family Math for Young Children* and *Family Math*, by Stenmark and Coates; *Magical Math: A book for young children and their parents*, by Jennifer Georgia

Math story books like the Sir Cumference series, anything by Theoni Pappas, David Schwartz, or Greg Tang

Base Ten number kit, Set, Set Cubed, Blockus, Chess, Checkers, Sudoku, TipOver, RushHour, Tangrams, Weigh to Learn Math kit, origami, real money and a calculator, Equate

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Latin Primer, by Martha Wilson; *Hey Andrew, Teach Me Some Greek*, by Karen Mohs; *English from the Roots Up*, by Joegil K. Lundquist; *Rummy Roots: Greek and Latin root word card game*

LANGUAGE ARTS

Phonics: *Abeka Letters and Sounds*, *Vocabulary from Classical Roots Series*; *Easy Grammar* series; Lynn Truss's grammar picture book series; *All About Spelling* if your child has difficulty and needs structure/rules
The Good and the Beautiful Reading list

LOGIC

Mind Benders, *Red Herrings*, Plusplus blocks

SCIENCE

Berean Builders curricula by Jay Wile, PhD; or just pick a topic, go that that section of your library, and bring home a bunch of books on it.

HISTORY

The Story of the World series, by Susan Wise Bauer; lots of storybooks and documentaries

REFERENCE BOOKS: Children's dictionaries and encyclopedias, children's history encyclopedias and science reference books, field guides (to bugs, birds, trees, wild flowers and weeds, and even our field guide to the crazy mushrooms and fungi that grow in Virginia have all been very fun and useful to have)

Favorite Middle School Resources

MATH

Mathematics: A Human Endeavor, by Harold Jacobs; Life of Fred series; Saxon math; *A Beginners' Guide to Constructing the Universe*, Michael S. Schneider; *Proofs Without Words: Exercises in Visual Thinking*, by Roger B. Nelson

LANGUAGE ARTS

Easy Grammar series; Classical Writing series, by Gustilo and Jaqua; Vocabulary from Classical Roots series; Spelling Workout (we use the upper levels of this to teach

commonly misspelled words); *Eats, Shoots, and Leaves*, by Lynn Truss, *The Good and the Beautiful* - Language Arts

LOGIC

Critical Thinking, by Anita Harnadek; *Introductory and Intermediate Logic*, by Douglas Wilson and James Nance

LITERATURE

The Well-Trained Mind reading lists, *A Thomas Jefferson Education* reading lists

LANGUAGE

Latin Everywhere, Everyday: A Latin Phrase Workbook, by Elizabeth Heimback; *Latina Christiana*, by Cheryl Lowe

SCIENCE

The Rainbow Science series, by Durrell Dobbins, PhD; Berean Builders *Exploring Creating with...* series by Jay Wile, PhD, Supercharged Science online

HISTORY

Genevieve Foster series: *Augustus Caesar's World*, *The World of Columbus and Sons*, *The World of Captain John Smith*, *The World of William Penn*, *George Washington's World*, *Abraham Lincoln's World*

Albert Marrin series: 30 books for youth—preview if your child is sensitive

Holling C. Holling books: combine history, geography, and some have a science focus too

GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMICS

The Five Thousand Year Leap, by W. Cleon Skousen, the “Uncle Eric” books by Richard Maybury, *How An Economy Grows, and Why It Crashes*, Peter D. Schiff (the title may sound boring, but the book is an island parable, illustrated, and very engaging), *Capitalism for Kids*, by Karl Hess

Favorite High School Resources

MATH

Elementary Algebra; *Geometry: Seeing, Doing, Understanding*; and *Mathematics: A Human Endeavor*, by Harold Jacobs; Life of Fred series (do Statistics instead of Calculus in high school); Saxon Math; Art of Problem Solving; Math-U-See

Flatland, by Edwin Abbott; *Flatterland*, by Ian Stewart; *Euclid's Window*, by Leonard Mlodinow; *What is Calculus About?*, by W.W. Sawyer; *How Not To Be Wrong: The Power of Mathematical Thinking*, by Jordan Ellenburg

LANGUAGE ARTS

Continue programs from middle school, Abeka *Grammar and Composition* is another that we have used in high school, also Institute for Excellence in Writing *High School Essay Intensive*, by Andrew Pudewa

Elements of Style, by Strunk and White (as in E.B. White, author of *Charlotte's Web*, and a fabulous essayist)

RHETORIC

The Art of the Argument, Aaron Larsen; *Rulebook for Arguments*, by Anthony Weston
Classical Rhetoric, by Martin Cothran, Video lectures, workbook, and the study of three classic texts: Aristotle's *Rhetoric*, *How to Read a Book* by Adler and Van Doren, and *Figures of Speech: 60 ways to turn a phrase*, by Arthur Quinn.

If possible, enroll your child in a speech and/or debate class/co-op

LITERATURE

Teaching the Classics, by Adam Andrews; *The Book of Great Books: A Guide to 100 World Classics*, by W. John C. Campbell, PhD.

Great Books Tutorial has a week-by-week guide to reading through the world classics on their website (gbt.org)

Another very challenging one is the BYU Honor's Society Reading List for a Lifetime
Oxford School Shakespeare books are our favorites

LANGUAGE

Athenaze, by Maurice Balme and Gilbert Lawall; *Oxford Latin*, by Maurice Balme and James Morwood; Rosetta Stone programs

SCIENCE

Biology: God's Living Creation, A Beka; Berean Builders series by Dr. Jay Wile; *The Biology Coloring Book*, Robert D. Griffin; *The Botany Coloring Book*, by Paul Young
The Great Courses video series (many topics in many fields), The Standard Deviants video series

HISTORY

The History of the Ancient World, *The History of the Medieval World*, *The History of the Renaissance World* Susan Wise Bauer; *The Timetables of History*, by Bernard Grun

Joseph Smith's America: His Life and Times, by Chad M. Orton and William W. Slaughter

From Dawn to Decadence – 1500 to the Present: 500 Years of Western Cultural Life, by Jacques Barzun; *Western Civilization: A Brief History*, by Jackson J. Spielvogel

GOVERNMENT

Basic American Government, by Clarence Carson; *The Making of America: The Substance and Meaning of the Constitution*, by W. Cleon Skousen; *The Law*, by Frederic Bastiat; *The Proper Role of Government*, by Ezra Taft Benson

ECONOMICS

The Foundation for Economic Education (fee.org) has these: *Anything That's Peaceful*, by Leonard Read; "What is Seen and Not Seen", by Frederic Bastiat; *Economics in One Lesson*, by Henry Hazlitt

Commanding Heights book and PBS series (available to watch on the PBS web site *Free to Choose*, by Milton and Rose Friedman plus the PBS video series of the same name (on video.google.com)

ART

Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain, Betty Edwards; *The Annotated Mona Lisa: A Crash Course in Art History from Pre-historic to Post-modern*, Carol Strickland, PhD; ARTistic Pursuits Series, by Brenda Ellis

LIFE SKILLS

Financial Peace for Teens, Dave Ramsey; *The Secrets of Great Communicators*, by Jeff Myers; *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, by Sean Covey; *Sometimes You Win, Sometimes You Learn*, by John Maxwell; *TJed for Teens* by Oliver DeMille and Shanon Brooks