

Your First 30 Days of Homeschooling

A Simple Checklist

Feeling overwhelmed? That's normal. You don't need to have everything figured out on day one. This checklist breaks down your first month into simple, manageable steps. Take it week by week, give yourself grace, and remember: **progress, not perfection.**

WEEK 1: Legal & Mindset

- Research your state's homeschool laws (15 minutes max—don't overthink it)
- Write down your "why" for homeschooling (keep it somewhere visible)
- Tell your kid(s) about the decision (if age-appropriate)
- Take a deep breath—you don't need everything figured out yet

WEEK 2: Foundation

- Audit what you already have (books, games, art supplies, outdoor space)
- Get a library card if you don't have one (this is your secret weapon)
- Choose ONE subject to start with—don't try to plan everything at once
- Create a simple daily rhythm (not a rigid schedule)

WEEK 3: Community

- Search for local homeschool co-ops or Facebook groups in your area
- Introduce yourself in one homeschool community (online or in-person)
- Ask other homeschool parents one question you're curious about
- Remember: you don't have to do this alone

WEEK 4: Reality Check & Reflection

- Reflect on what worked this month (even the small wins count)
- Identify what didn't work—and give yourself permission to change it
- Celebrate ONE small win (seriously, take a moment)
- Keep going—you're doing better than you think

■ REMEMBER:

- **You don't need to be perfect.** Your kids don't need you to be an expert. They need you to show up.
- **Learning happens everywhere.** In the grocery store, in the backyard, during conversations at the dinner table.
- **Your first curriculum choice doesn't have to be your forever curriculum.** If something doesn't work, you can change it.
- **Homeschooling isn't about re-creating school at home.** It's about creating a learning experience that works for YOUR family.
- **One bad day (or week) doesn't mean you're failing.** Progress, not perfection.

"You don't have to have it all figured out on day one—or even year one. Homeschooling is as much about learning for you as it is for your kids." – Michael Ramey

■ WHAT'S NEXT?

After your first 30 days, you'll have a rhythm going. You'll know what works and what doesn't. You'll have connected with other families. And you'll realize: *you can do this.*

Want the complete roadmap?

Get "Homeschooling 101" for everything you need to start homeschooling with confidence—from choosing curriculum to building your day to handling those moments when you wonder if you're doing enough. Practical, honest, and written by someone who lived it.

Available on Amazon and homeschooledbutnormalish.com