Silver Family Tips for Teaching from Home

* **Set up a weekly schedule** with your child covering what they will do each day. Check their work at the end of the day or completion of an assignment, reteach if needed.

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* **You don’t have to keep the same hours as** the school. Your teen may be more effective if they can sleep in and start at 10:00, while your youngster may prefer to start very early in the day.
* **You don’t have to work at a desk or table**. Some children will be more successful working on the floor or couch. Others may need to sit at the kitchen table.
* **Make media work for you**. Set up a schedule of when media is permitted. Check with your school about their recommended educational programs. Limiting media use will encourage a bored child to create their own fun. (A rule in our family was if anyone ever said they were bored, I would always find a chore for them to do. After the chore, they never had a problem finding a way to entertain themselves!) There are lots of free online resources.
	+ <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>
	+ <https://thejournal.com/articles/2020/03/13/free-resources-ed-tech-companies-step-up-during-coronavirus-outbreak.aspx>
* **Read alouds** are a great way to start the day and get everyone back on track after lunch! Cuddle up together and read a chapter at each sitting.

There are also famous authors offering read alouds online at <https://www.weareteachers.com/virtual-author-activities/>

* **Add reading for pleasure** to your child’s homeschool day. Set the example and all have down time together reading great books.
* There are a lot of free online resources for the arts and Physical Education. Find what works for your child and add it to your schedule. <https://wpde.com/news/coronavirus/school-at-home-free-online-learning-resources>
* Along with homework packets from your school, realize that you have the freedom to add anything your child wants to learn. This is a great time to teach to their interests. Have your child research and write on topics that interest them.
* **Have fun!**