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## HOMESCHOOLING: BEST PRACTICES

10 TIPS FOR CREATING AN OPTIMAL HOMESCHOOLING ENVIRONMENT

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## **BEST PRACTICES:**

- 1. Create a "classroom" environment that fosters learning and encourages exploration.
- 2. Set a schedule and articulate standards for school.
- 3. Develop your child's **work ethic** by explaining that school is their "job."
- 4. **Facilitate growth** -- intellectual and personal -- by creating structure, but allowing for some **choice**.
- 5. Teach your child about **consequences** positive and negative; positive thinking and behaviors produce positive outcomes.
- 6. Instill a **collaborative spirit** by asking your child to participate in curriculum planning and **consistently communicating**.
- 7. Set daily and/or weekly **goals** that are measurable and achievable.
- 8. **Connect the dots**: help your child to see the relevance of what they are learning.
- 9. Remember that we are all motivated by rewards.
- 10. Practice **grace**; we are *all* doing our best and each day is a new opportunity to get it right.

For assistance with implementing these practices for your homeschooling program, or to take advantage of Gillis Education's homeschooling program, please email us: **info@gilliseducation.org.** 

