

Tiny Turtle Learning

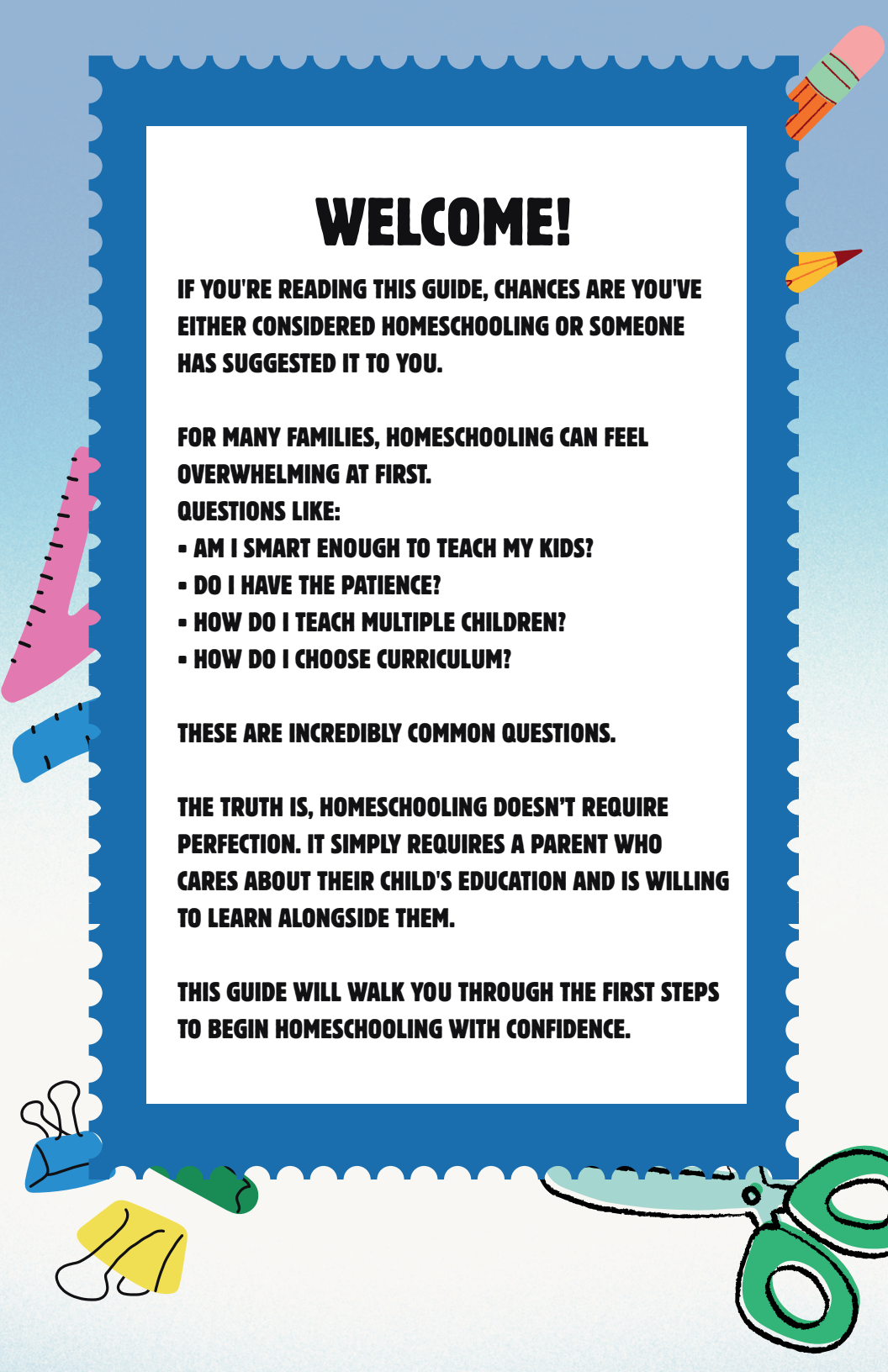
THE BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO HOMESCHOOLING

How to Start Homeschooling Your
Children Without Fear or Overwhelm



Helping families build confident
learners at home.

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WELCOME!

IF YOU'RE READING THIS GUIDE, CHANCES ARE YOU'VE EITHER CONSIDERED HOMESCHOOLING OR SOMEONE HAS SUGGESTED IT TO YOU.

FOR MANY FAMILIES, HOMESCHOOLING CAN FEEL OVERWHELMING AT FIRST.

QUESTIONS LIKE:

- **AM I SMART ENOUGH TO TEACH MY KIDS?**
- **DO I HAVE THE PATIENCE?**
- **HOW DO I TEACH MULTIPLE CHILDREN?**
- **HOW DO I CHOOSE CURRICULUM?**

THESE ARE INCREDIBLY COMMON QUESTIONS.

THE TRUTH IS, HOMESCHOOLING DOESN'T REQUIRE PERFECTION. IT SIMPLY REQUIRES A PARENT WHO CARES ABOUT THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION AND IS WILLING TO LEARN ALONGSIDE THEM.

THIS GUIDE WILL WALK YOU THROUGH THE FIRST STEPS TO BEGIN HOMESCHOOLING WITH CONFIDENCE.



OUR STORY

OUR HOMESCHOOLING JOURNEY BEGAN WITH MANY OF THE SAME QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT BE ASKING TODAY.

LIKE MANY PARENTS, WE WANTED TO BE MORE INTENTIONAL ABOUT OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION, CHARACTER, AND THE VALUES SHAPING THEIR LIVES.

AT FIRST, THE IDEA OF HOMESCHOOLING FELT INTIMIDATING. WE WONDERED IF WE WERE CAPABLE AND IF WE COULD REALLY MAKE IT WORK.

BUT WHAT WE DISCOVERED ALONG THE WAY WAS SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL.

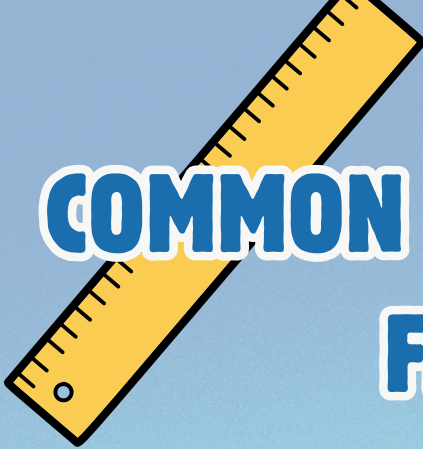
HOMESCHOOLING BECAME MORE THAN JUST EDUCATION. IT BECAME A LIFESTYLE BUILT AROUND FAMILY, CURIOSITY, CREATIVITY, AND FAITH.

AND THE GREATEST DISCOVERY WAS THIS:

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER TO HOMESCHOOL SUCCESSFULLY.

YOU SIMPLY NEED TO BE WILLING TO GUIDE YOUR CHILDREN AS THEY LEARN.





COMMON HOMESCHOOL FEARS

MANY PARENTS HESITATE TO HOMESCHOOL BECAUSE
OF A FEW COMMON FEARS.

FEAR #1 "I'M NOT SMART ENOUGH."

YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW EVERYTHING. MOST HOMESCHOOL CURRICULUM IS DESIGNED TO TEACH BOTH THE PARENT AND THE STUDENT TOGETHER.

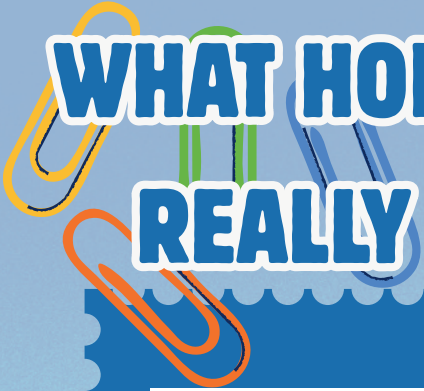
FEAR #2 "I DON'T HAVE THE PATIENCE."

HOMESCHOOLING OFTEN CREATES PATIENCE AS FAMILIES LEARN TOGETHER.

FEAR #3 "MY CHILD MIGHT FALL BEHIND."

HOMESCHOOLING ALLOWS CHILDREN TO LEARN AT THEIR OWN PACE, OFTEN LEADING TO STRONGER UNDERSTANDING.





WHAT HOMESCHOOLING REALLY LOOKS LIKE

MANY PARENTS IMAGINE
HOMESCHOOLING LOOKING
LIKE A FULL CLASSROOM AT HOME.

BUT THE REALITY IS VERY
DIFFERENT.

MOST HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES
COMPLETE THEIR CORE ACADEMIC WORK
IN JUST 2-4 HOURS PER DAY,
ESPECIALLY DURING ELEMENTARY YEARS.

WITHOUT THE DISTRACTIONS OF LARGE
CLASSROOMS, LEARNING CAN BE FAR
MORE EFFICIENT.

THE REST OF THE DAY CAN INCLUDE:

- READING TOGETHER
- OUTDOOR EXPLORATION
- CREATIVE PROJECTS
- REAL-LIFE LEARNING EXPERIENCES



UNDERSTAND YOUR STATE LAWS

EVERY STATE HAS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT HOMESCHOOLING REQUIREMENTS.

STEP 1

These may include:

- FILING A NOTICE OF INTENT
- KEEPING ATTENDANCE RECORDS
- STANDARDIZED TESTING IN CERTAIN GRADES

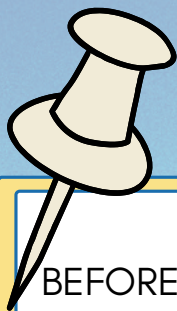
A simple way to begin is to search:

"HOMESCHOOL LAWS IN [YOUR STATE]"

MANY STATES ARE VERY HOMESCHOOL FRIENDLY.



DISCOVER YOUR WHY



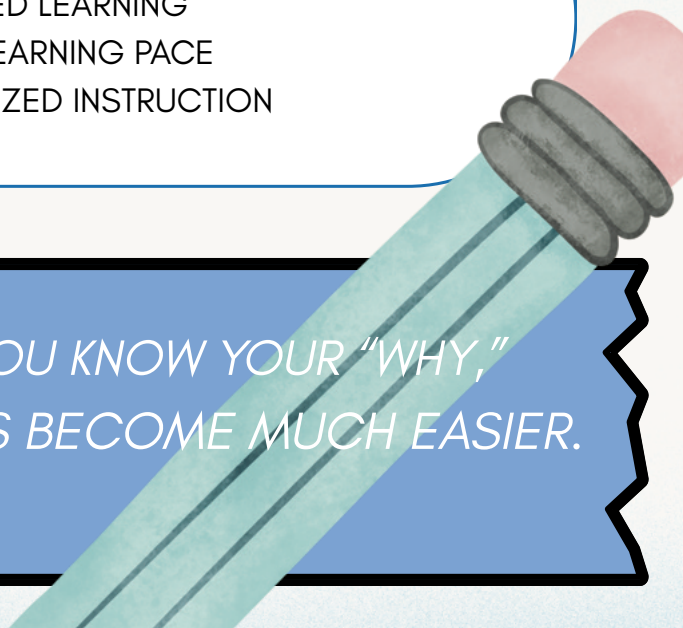
STEP 2

BEFORE CHOOSING CURRICULUM OR PLANNING SCHEDULES, TAKE TIME TO THINK ABOUT WHY YOU WANT TO HOMESCHOOL.

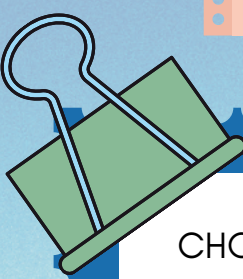
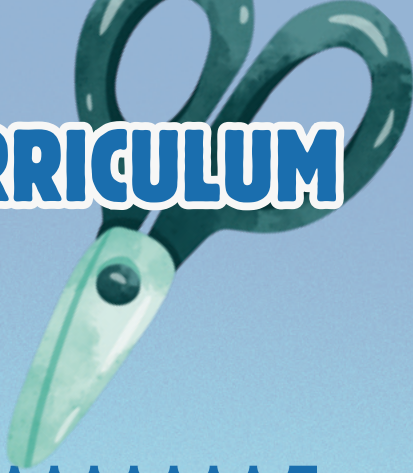
COMMON REASONS INCLUDE:

- SPENDING MORE TIME TOGETHER AS A FAMILY
- FAITH-BASED LEARNING
- FLEXIBLE LEARNING PACE
- PERSONALIZED INSTRUCTION

*WHEN YOU KNOW YOUR "WHY,"
DECISIONS BECOME MUCH EASIER.*



CHOOSING CURRICULUM



STEP 3

CHOOSING CURRICULUM CAN FEEL
OVERWHELMING BECAUSE THERE ARE
SO MANY OPTIONS.

THE TRUTH IS:

THERE IS NO PERFECT CURRICULUM.

START WITH THE BASICS:

- MATH
 - READING
 - WRITING
 - SCIENCE
 - HISTORY
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YOU CAN ALWAYS ADJUST AS YOUR
FAMILY LEARNS WHAT WORKS BEST.



CREATE A SIMPLE ROUTINE

EVERY STATE HAS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT HOMESCHOOLING REQUIREMENTS.

STEP 4

HOMESCHOOLING WORKS BEST WHEN FAMILIES DEVELOP A RHYTHM RATHER THAN A RIGID SCHEDULE.

Example routine:

Morning

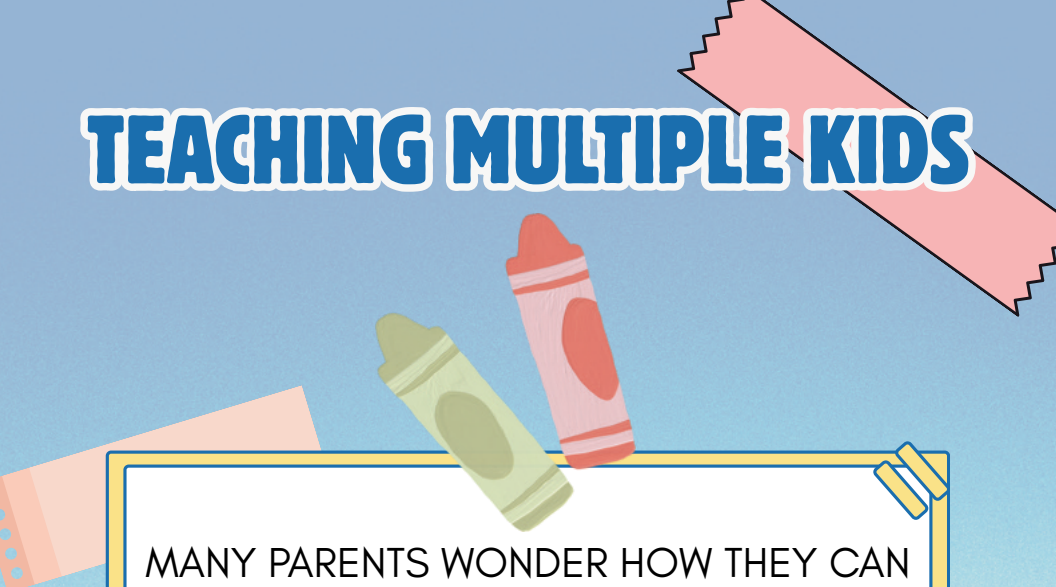
MATH
READING
WRITING

Afternoon

SCIENCE
HISTORY
CREATIVE PROJECTS

*LEARNING CAN HAPPEN
THROUGHOUT THE DAY.*

TEACHING MULTIPLE KIDS



MANY PARENTS WONDER HOW THEY CAN
TEACH MULTIPLE CHILDREN AT ONCE.

**The secret is grouping subjects
together.**

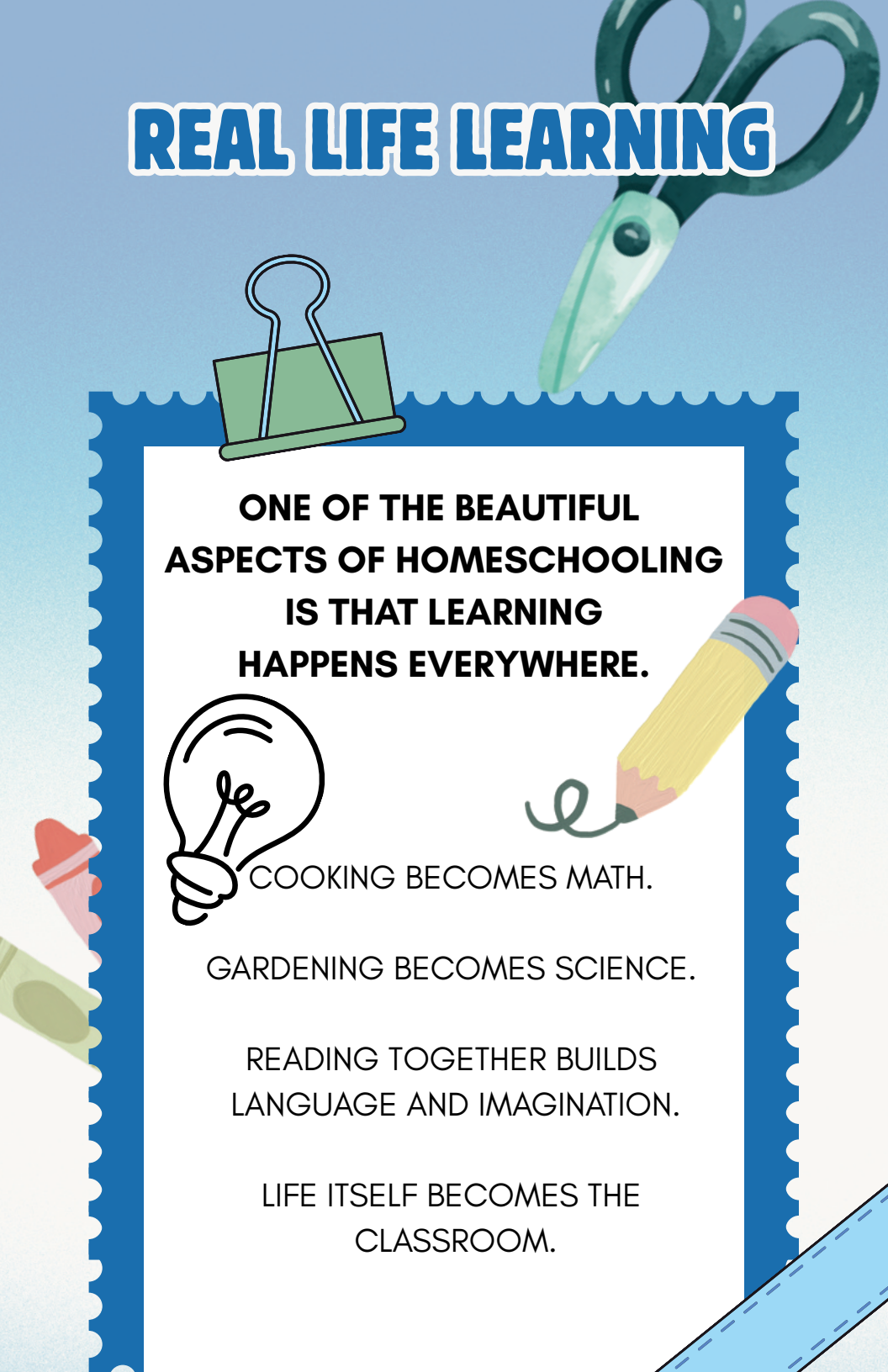
TEACH TOGETHER:

- HISTORY.
- BIBLE
- ART.
- SCIENCE
- READ-ALoud BOOKS

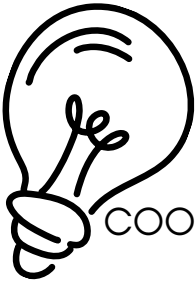
SEPARATE ONLY WHEN NEEDED FOR:

- MATH
- LANGUAGE ARTS

REAL LIFE LEARNING



**ONE OF THE BEAUTIFUL
ASPECTS OF HOMESCHOOLING
IS THAT LEARNING
HAPPENS EVERYWHERE.**



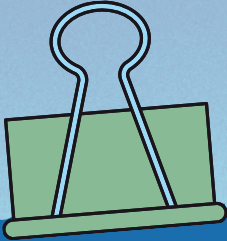
COOKING BECOMES MATH.

GARDENING BECOMES SCIENCE.

READING TOGETHER BUILDS
LANGUAGE AND IMAGINATION.

LIFE ITSELF BECOMES THE
CLASSROOM.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE



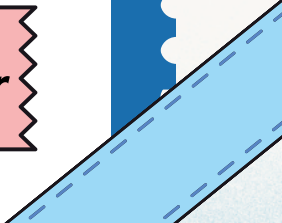
YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE
EVERYTHING FIGURED OUT
ON DAY ONE.

**HOMESCHOOLING
IS A JOURNEY.**

YOU WILL LEARN, ADJUST, AND GROW
ALONG THE WAY.

GIVE YOURSELF GRACE AS YOU
BEGIN.

Be One Day Smarter



HOMESCHOOL STARTER CHECKLIST

BEFORE STARTING

- ✓ RESEARCH YOUR STATE HOMESCHOOL LAWS
- ✓ JOIN A HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITY
- ✓ CHOOSE A CURRICULUM
- ✓ CREATE A LEARNING SPACE

PLANNING

- ✓ ESTABLISH A DAILY RHYTHM
- ✓ GATHER SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- ✓ PLAN LEARNING GOALS

MINDSET

- ✓ STAY FLEXIBLE
- ✓ CELEBRATE PROGRESS
- ✓ ENJOY THE JOURNEY

TINY TURTLE LEARNING

**AT TINY TURTLE LEARNING, OUR MISSION
IS TO HELP FAMILIES BUILD CONFIDENT
LEARNERS.**

**OUR RESOURCES ARE DESIGNED TO
SUPPORT EARLY LEARNERS AND HELP
PARENTS FEEL CONFIDENT TEACHING AT
HOME.**

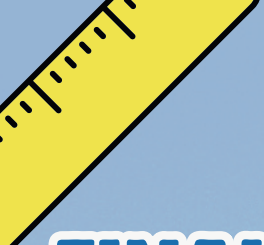


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FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT



**HOMESCHOOLING IS NOT ABOUT CREATING
THE PERFECT CLASSROOM.**

**IT'S ABOUT CREATING A HOME WHERE
CURIOSITY, CREATIVITY, AND LEARNING
THRIVE.**

**AND NO ONE IS BETTER EQUIPPED TO
GUIDE YOUR CHILDREN THAN YOU.**

