

How to build a virtual classroom and structure your children's day

1. Set up a space devoted solely to academics

The first is to make sure that you set up a space that is purely devoted to education. This room should be separated from all other distractions.

2. Create a schedule together

The second tip is to build the schedule of your day with your children. You know your children better than anyone, so work with them to figure out what their passions are and make learning an exciting thing for them.

Joel knows that his children love history and language arts, so he puts those classes at the beginning of the day to hook them. This gives them momentum to start their day off well and puts them in the right mindset to learn.

3. Show and tell

Kids have a knack for telling you that they've done some work, but anyone who's been a parent for a period of time knows that, sometimes, that doesn't mean they've done all the work that they're supposed to do.

Thus, having your kids to actually show you the work they're doing helps encourage them to do it whole-heartedly and ensures that they're getting the most out of their lessons.

4. Resist the urge to help immediately

It's natural as a parent to want to help our kids when we see that they're struggling with something. This is a good thing to do, but it's important for students to work through their educational problems on their own. It's okay to let them wrestle with a difficult math problem. That's how they learn.

You can certainly provide a guiding hand, but when you do come alongside to help them, don't take over the problem. Rather, ask them good questions that lead them to correct answer. Then, not only do they get to come to the conclusion on their own, but you get the joy of being able to see them work.