

Intentional Education



Worship

“Through wisdom, a house is built,
and by understanding it is established;
By knowledge, the rooms are filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.”

Proverbs 24:3-4

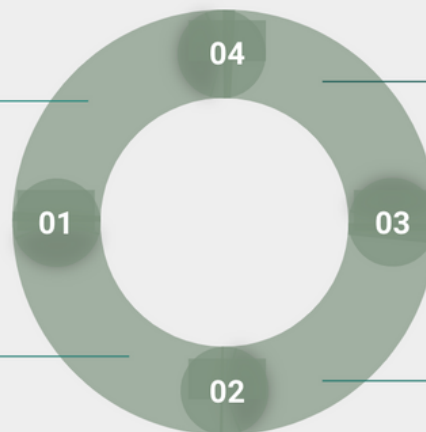
- What are the characteristics I want my home(child) to have?
- What qualities do I want to fill the rooms of my home with?
- What do I want my family culture to look like? (Rituals? Routines?)
- What are my priorities for educating my children?
- What kind of people do I want my children to be?

Prioritize

Always start with evaluating what your priorities are. Remember this may look different for different people or in different seasons of life.

Plan

Give yourself some “guardrails”. Make a plan to follow and allow for flexibility.



Adjust

Seasons change, life happens, plans do work. Take time to evaluate what is working and what is not and make the necessary changes.

Implement

Follow through on your plans. Stay within the “guardrails”



Activity Ideas



All Ages

*Be intentional about creating “teachable moments” as you go about daily life. TALK to your kids about what you are doing, explain why you do it

Bug studies! Putting a macro lens on my phone was so easy, cheap & fun.

Dissecting plants - easy to do for all ages.

Nature Journaling - Great way to incorporate art, reading, and writing into your garden/nature studies

Younger Children

Incorporating spaces where kids can do imaginative play with natural elements (like we talked about today)- i.e. teepees, sandboxes, mud kitchens, forts, bridges, root cellars, a fire pit. I had a full set up in my old garden and after training the kids in fire safety they would forage the garden for edible flowers and herbs to make their own tea....

Sensory gardening with kids was a huge success. Included a lot of herbs they could eat (mints, stevia, lemon thyme, radish pods, peas, tomatoes were all favorites).... Plants that were fun to touch (mullein, fascination plants, sensitive plant).... Flowers they could pick to make bouquets for the people they love

Track plant growth - learn about measurement, record keeping, graphing, etc

Older Children

The DNR has lots of great programs for students

Put older students in charge of projects, allow them to have parts of the home or farm that they manage. This is a great way to get older kids to take responsibility and complete projects

Have them help you calculate and order seeds

Recommended Resources

Exploring Nature with Children by Raising Little Shoots - nature curriculum for all ages

Minimal Mom on Youtube

<https://www.bewildandfree.org/> also Book Call of the Wild and Free by Ainsley Armet

Balanced and Barefoot by Angela Hanscom

7 Habits of Highly Effective Parents by Stephen Covey

1000 Hours Outside

Messy Maths and Dirty Teaching by Juliet Robertson

Standards offer a guide to help shape a yearly plan <https://adventisteducation.org/est.html>