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As you start the process of organizing your family for the Fall season and back to school, you might be considering different ideas, schedules, and items to help your family get organized. Each child is different; as such, your approach to organizing for them should be tailored to their needs and schedule. In any event, if you approach it from a training perspective, it is possible to encourage your children and the entire family to get on the organizational bandwagon.

01

Get as Much Done at Night

Amongst the hardest part of the school day comes first thing in the morning. It's probably going to be a bad start to your day when you and your kids are rushing trying to get yourself together and get out the door on time. Instead, a good rule of thumb is to pack everything for the next morning at night. That means have your children pack their backpacks, and their lunches, etc. It will ensure that everything runs so much more efficiently in the morning.

02

Create a Designated Spot in the Kitchen or Pantry after-school treats, breakfast, and lunches

Depending on how big your kitchen is, you could simply set up a cabinet or lower drawer or a small fridge for drinks and snacks for your children. You should select a spot that won't interfere with your normal cooking and cleaning activities. Also, do your best to keep it equipped with healthy cereals, drinks, and snacks.

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Set Up a Room or Homework Spot

If you have an extra room or den in your home, you should designate a space for your children to do their homework. If you don't have an extra room, the kitchen is a good spot as well. The kitchen is the heart of the home and, likewise, a great location to set up a homework station. An additional perk of a kitchen homework spot is that you can monitor your kid's homework while you simultaneously prepare dinner for the family.

04

Set Out School Clothes Weekly

Getting their attire together the night before can be a very efficient way to get your children ready for school during the week. If you really want to elevate on this strategy, try getting a 5-day closet organizer, and assemble your children's clothing or uniforms for each day of the week on the weekends.

Admittedly, this strategy works better for younger children who don't care as much about their appearance. However, if you have older children who are picky about their school attire, you should encourage them to select their outfits for the week on the weekends.

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Organize Your Laundry Baskets.

Towels, school sports uniforms, and clothing can stack up fast throughout the week. Organize your laundry area with unclean laundry baskets labeled into darks, colors, lights, and an emergency basket for items that require immediate washing. Ask everyone in your household to toss their unclean laundry into baskets immediately when they take them off. Additionally, you can save yourself additional time by positioning clean items in designated baskets that each kid can grab and put away in their room.

Overall, being organized is about being responsible and setting a good tone for the school day/workday.

If your kids or spouse has worked hard to get organized and remain arranged, acknowledge this feat, and reward it.

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