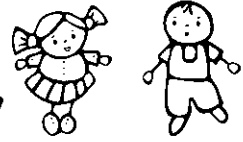


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TRENDING TOPIC: *Organization*

- **ORGANIZATION** comes easily for some, and difficult for most! Helping your child to learn to be an organized person at an early age will create confidence, ease stress for you and build great habits for your student! Here are some simple tips to help you and your child get and stay organized!
- **A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING** and everything in its place. Creating a "home" for toys, art supplies, books, etc. is the best place to start. When kids know where things belong they are usually eager to help put things away. Make it fun! The dollar stores have great bins and containers for organizing all sorts of things! Feeling in control of our belongings brings order, peace and comfort to adults as well as kids!
- **SCHOOL PAPERS** can be overwhelming! Going through the school folder everyday and sorting papers to throw away, post on the fridge, or keep, will help you stay on top of it and help your child to feel ready for school with a "fresh" folder/backpack each day. When deciding to keep or throw papers consider how much drawing/writing your child has done (these can be really special to keep!) practice pages are usually okay to throw away. An inexpensive binder with monthly divider tabs can be a great way to keep special works as keepsakes to document their growth and make a memory book for each grade. For younger children it is important to keep little readers or stories they have made for them to practice retelling!
- **TAKE PICTURES** of special papers and projects. A fun way to keep these "forever" is to have a photo book made of all of the project pictures!
- **BECOMING** organized definitely takes effort. Our busy lives bring with them lots of papers and stuff! *Set aside a few minutes each day* and it will soon become routine!
- **THE AFFECT** on children of having order in life cannot be overstated. This is not to say that things need to be perfect (of course not!) ... but a little organization is a simple way to bring a sense of peace, and quality of life at home which carries over to school with feelings of preparedness to tackle each day with enthusiasm!

Quote of the Week

Organization is what you
do before you do something
so that when you do it, it's not all mixed up.
~Christopher Robin