

“THE SOLE SOURCE”

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IDEAS FROM OTHER MOMS FOR KEEPING KIDS ORGANIZED:

- Have a cubby for each child to store their school things in. One mom created this from an old album cabinet.
- Each afternoon, the kids should unpack their bookbags, taking out permission slips, papers and such, and then repack for the following day.
- Place a magnetic clip from an office supply store on the refrigerator for each child to keep schedules, homework information, etc.
- Homeschoolers place their schoolwork in a basket for Mom to correct. If they need to make corrections, it goes into their own folder after I am done, otherwise they get filed.
- Have a kids coat rack at the door for their things.
- Put school flyers on a bulletin board and transfer dates to master calendar. Do homework in a central place each day and clean up immediately afterwards.
- Have a hook for backpacks and jackets to be kept together after school each day.
- Kids can be responsible for putting their “active” work in their special drawer when they get home. “Old” papers go into a file in their rooms.
- Extendable file folders keep their papers handy for future reference.
- Each child can have his or her own color to use for filing away papers in a color-coded file and also for making notes of their activities on your master calendar.
- A special needs child benefits from a visual schedule made on Boardmaker software. You could do this manually with drawn pictures, magazine clippings, photos, etc. You can point to the picture on their chart and they’ll know what to do!
- Keep an In/Out box that you check for any items that need your attention and child retrieves their signed papers, etc. in the morning before school.