



Newsletter – July



Educating our Children from Home

Many conversations have occurred at playdates about educating our children at home – whether that means homeschooling throughout the school years or just until the child is ready for Kindergarten.

With such a great amount of mamas interested in homeschooling, I've started a site called Hamilton Home Educators. This site is meant for any parents interested in homeschooling, who are already homeschooling or just want more information.

This group will have educationally focused events, include children of every age, and will include a lending library of teaching books for all ages and interests.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, check out: www.hamiltonhomeeducators.com

There is a yearly membership fee to keep the site going, but anyone who is already a Social Mamas member will receive a waived fee if you sign up before August 1st.

Top 10 Tips & Tricks to Keep your little one in Bed!

from <http://momstop10.blogspot.com/>

- 10~ Persistence & Patience! Just keep putting him/her back to bed.
- 9~ Put him/her to bed and put the History Channel on. Tell him/her you'll come lay with them when the show is over. Trust me, he/she will be asleep before the show is over. Especially if it is an hour long show.
- 8~ Bribery goes a long way.
- 7~ Develop a Bedtime Routine & Stick with it!
- 6~ Let him/her choose a couple of bed time stories. Explain that when the stories are over he/she must go to sleep.
- 5~ Tell them to go "hide" under the covers in his/her bed and you will come find him/her. WAIT...Take your time, if he/she is tired enough he/she will be asleep before you find him/her.
- 4~ If it's Christmas, tell him/her that Santa won't know where to find him/her if he/she is not in his/her own bed.
- 3~ For me it's like "Survivor". You have to "Outwit & Outlast".
- 2~ Make his/her room exciting and inviting for bedtime. Let him/her participate in the decorating.
- 1~ *Let him/her sleep with you. One day you'll be longing for the days he/she loved to snuggle with you!*

Thanks for Great June Events

Thanks to everyone who walked on June 13th for the Ronald McDonald House! They ended up raising \$50 000 that day!

Congrats to Karen and Quinn, who won the youngest participant award – he was 3 weeks old at the time!

Thank you also to the Social Mamas who came out the Teddy Bear Picnic on June 19th. Despite the wind, it was an awesome day of music

When I'm An Old Lady

by Joanne Bailey Baxter

When I'm an old lady, I'll live with each kid,
And bring so much happiness just as they did.
I want to pay back all the joy they've provided.
Returning each deed! Oh, they'll be so excited!
When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...

I'll write on the walls with reds, whites, and blues,
And bounce on the furniture.....wearing my shoes.
I'll drink from the carton and then leave it out.
I'll stuff all the toilets and oh, how they'll shout!
When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...

When they're on the phone and just out of reach,
I'll get into things like sugar and bleach.
Oh, they'll snap their fingers and then shake their head,
And when that is done, I'll hide under the bed.
When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...

When they cook dinner and call me to eat,
I'll not eat my green beans or salad or meat.
I'll gag on my okra, spill milk on the table,
And when they get angry...I'll run....if I'm able!
When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...

I'll sit close to the TV., through the channels I'll click
I'll cross both eyes just to see if they stick.
I'll take off my socks and throw one away,
And play in the mud 'til the end of the day!
When I'm an old lady and live with my kids...

And later in bed, I'll lay back and sigh,
I'll tuck myself in and then close my eyes.
My kids will look down with a smile slowly creeping,
And say with a groan, "She's so sweet when she's
sleeping!"

Great Events This Month

Be sure to check out the Event Calendar and register for these and other great events happening this month!

July 2nd – Book Depot Box Sale
July 4th – Cake Decorating Classes start
July 5th – MamaPreneur Group Meeting
July 10th – Summer BBQ
July 15th – Musical playdate
July 19th – Dundas Driving Park
July 19th – Coffee and Conversation
July 25th – Home for Dinner program at RMH

Science Activity: Colored Ice

Toddlers observe changes and discover 'melting' during this early learning activity from www.preschoolrainbow.org

Materials: Ice cubes that have been colored with food coloring, re-sealable plastic bags.

Description: Put the ice cubes in re-sealable bags. Let the children watch the ice cubes during the day. Ask them what is happening. Then they can play with the "bags of water" as the ice cubes melt.

Monthly Quote

"Any mother could perform the jobs of several air-traffic controllers with ease." ~

LisaAlther

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