



The Learning Tree
SCHOOLHOUSE

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CHEATSHEET

Narration

The practice of the child telling back a story to help assimilate the knowledge to fully understand information and ideas.

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Habit Training

Training as a discipline of the child's will and behavior. Children are trained to develop the will, which is manifested in a strong resolve to act in a right manner.

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Living Books

Rather than textbooks, the use of high quality and engaging books that make a topic come alive (often through a first-hand story). Avoid "twaddle" or dumbed down books.

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Recitation

The practice of repeating back well chosen pieces of scripture, poetry, hymnals, or songs with the intention of speaking beautifully.

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Nature Study

Fostering a vast familiarity with the outside world and a focused observation of creation as a means to knowledge of God; plenty of time spent out of doors each day.

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Mental Images

The practice of visualization with the goal of capturing his whole attention as a photographic process.

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Copywork

Transcribing of a well-written piece of literature as handwriting practice to improve penmanship with the goal of writing it perfectly every lesson.

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Handicrafts

An afternoon occupation that not only keeps them busy but also serves a functional purpose. The skillset required should be well within their compass.

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Movement Drills

Time set aside each day for some form of physical fitness routine or "drill" which included stretching, breathing exercises, dancing, singing, and games.

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Early Years

These refer to ages 6 and under before formal lessons begin, also called the "golden hours" of life.

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Attainments

Lists of expected learning activities that help round out a child's education. There are 18 outlined attainments to be learned by age 7, and 21 attainments to be learned by age 12.

1893, Parents Review Article

Mother Culture

Mothers should take time to feed their own souls and continue in their own self education, taking up the very same activities as our students, including reading, nature studies, handicrafts, and more.

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"Education is an atmosphere, a discipline, a life."
- CHARLOTTE MASON