



# Mr. C's Homeschool Music Academy

## 5 Steps to Stress-Free Homeschool Teaching

- 1) **Relax** – Be okay with knowing that you don't know. Before we are teachers, we are first students. Be open to new possibilities so that you can empathize with your student(s)'s learning process and expectations.
  
- 2) **Plan for Changes** – Think about when and where you will teach in your home.
  - When: What time is appropriate for teaching your student(s)?
  - Where: What rooms are best suited for teaching your student(s)? Think about moving furniture, adding furniture, and what would make the room suitable for teaching.
  
- 3) **Plan for Gathering Materials** – Think about materials needed for you and your student(s). You want to be prepared. 1<sup>st</sup> think about what you already have and could use. If you must buy things, always look for great prices, be creative.
  - Utilizing pots and pans for music rhythm lessons.
  - Creating your own manuscript paper by making it a fun art project for your student(s).
  - Take a trip to the Dollar Store; they have plenty of items for school, including items to use for arts and crafts, while teaching children useful lessons on the value of a dollar.
  
- 4) **The Internet** – Use the internet to gather free resources, like lesson ideas. While the internet can be a great provider of information, it can also be overwhelming trying to find specific subject matter, but it is a great tool for general information.

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- Educational Websites ( [www.mrcshomeschoolmusicacademy.com](http://www.mrcshomeschoolmusicacademy.com) )
- YouTube Videos
- Blogs
- Dictionary.com

5) **Communicate with Your Student(s)** – Talk with your student(s) and ask plenty of questions about the subjects at hand. For example, when teaching music talk to them about the music they may enjoy, songs, instruments, general interests. Gather all the information that you learn about your student(s), and then use that information to talk about routine:

- When & Where for their learning
- Rules & Expectations

Always be upfront with your student(s). Always be informative so that they always know what to expect. It makes things easier for you knowing they can trust you.

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