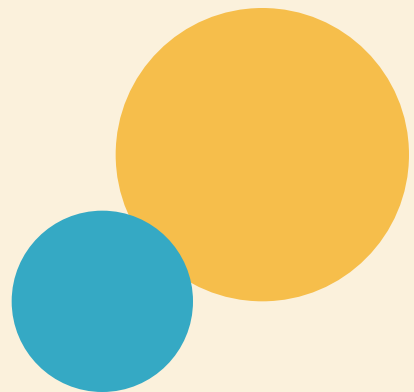


EVERYDAY HOMESCHOOL GUIDE

Block Scheduling for Working Parents

Flexible planning and time management for families who homeschool around a job.



Why blocks beat hour-by-hour plans

A rigid clock schedule breaks the first time a meeting runs long. Blocks are named chunks of time with a purpose, not a minute. If a block slides, the day still works.

The four blocks

- Anchor block — the non-negotiable core: math and reading, 45-60 minutes.
- Together block — read-aloud, science, history, projects, 2-4x per week.
- Independent block — work your child can do without you present.
- Reset block — chores, tidy-up, and a Friday review.

Minimum viable school day

On your hardest days, do the Anchor block only: 20 minutes of math, 20 minutes of reading, done. That counts. Consistency beats intensity.

Three schedules that work around a job

Pattern	Best for	Shape of the day
Early anchor	Morning shifts	6:30-8:00 core, independent later
Split day	Hybrid work	Core before lunch, together block 4pm
Four-day week	Long shifts	Mon-Thu school, Friday review only
Weekend loop	Weekend-off jobs	Two heavier weekend days, light weekdays

Build your week

Block	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Anchor					
Together					
Independent					
Reset					

Protect the plan

- ☐ Batch prep once a week — 30 minutes on Sunday beats daily scrambling.
- ☐ Give every child one independent task they can start without you.
- ☐ Use timers, not word counts, so a block always ends on time.
- ☐ Leave one empty block per week as catch-up space.

Notes
