

Ideas and Suggestions for Work Samples and Examples of Learning

A list of formal curriculum used, along with workbook/notebook that shows student progress is a simple, effective work sample.

Photos and short (2 minutes or less) videos are an excellent and easy way to document learning examples.

This list is meant to help you decide what to email or bring to our meeting. This list is by no means exhaustive of all the creative ways to show your child's learning, so please feel free to email and bring anything that shows learning!

Ideas that can be adapted for each subject area:

List of formal curriculum for each subject area (if any)

Workbooks, (a photo/scan of beginning pages to current pages can be emailed), lapbooks, notebooks, journals

List of resources used for each subject (board games, apps, websites, online games, DVDs, CDs, TV shows)

List of field trips for each subject

More area specific ideas:

Reading

Quick video of the child reading something they enjoy

Have child read something they enjoy to me at our evaluation meeting

List of books child has read

List of books adult has read to child

List of ebooks, magazines, newspapers, any other material read

Writing

Copies of letters or emails to friends or relatives your child has written
Lists written by the child (grocery, spelling, etc)
Book reports
Research reports
Copywork
Dictation
Written narration
Workbook pages

Speaking

List of clubs/activities child is involved in where discussion and/or presentation is involved
(Scouts, 4-H, Debate, Drama, Church etc)
List of book discussions and topics
Record a short video of a recitation (poetry, scripture, etc)
Record a short video of a verbal narration

Math

Math workbook
Photo/short video or list of math taught in "real life" (cooking, sewing, measuring/building, lemonade stand, garage sale, counting money with allowance, saving accounts, etc)

History

Notebooks
Lapbooks
Photos/video of history projects (photo of a Native American diorama, photo of a lego pyramid, video of acting out a revolutionary war scene, photo of dressing up as Paul Revere, etc)

Civics(government)

List of newspapers, magazines, articles read to/by the child the cover civic(government) information

List of family discussions and topics (voting day, branches of government, American symbols, etc)

List/photo of field trips (capitol building, post office, court house, etc)

List of DVDs, shows, meetings pertaining to civics, government (presidential debate, town hall meeting)

Literature

List of book discussion topics

Photo of projects linked to literature read (baking cranberry bread after reading Cranberry Thanksgiving, constructing a K-nex bridge after reading The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge, making butter after reading Little House on the Prairie, etc)

Photos of lapbooks

Science

List/photos of science experiments

Photos of nature walks, gardening, sky gazing, collections, animal care

Copies of notebook pages, workbook pages, journal pages