



Ready for School, Ready for Life

It's a Monday morning and I'm in a creative mood so I'm tinkering with a canister thinking about what learning opportunity I can create for my children with the canister. I usually think of lessons I have found painful in life. Usually these lessons were not taught by my parents or my psych books in real life terms. I've got it...I want them to learn money is a tool...budgeting is crucial...dreaming is too.

Race forward....after a little tutorial around my 6 year olds questions of what is a budget? (kid terms are helpful here like "We need money to pay for our house and for food and a budget is a list of costs/expenses and a list of the money we earn". Frankly I would listen to what your children say and ask and go from there. Spend as much time on this as every question is a teaching moment as well as an opportunity to see how your children think regardless of wrong or right.

And what can we dream about my 6 year old asks? (Leave them with the feeling of "anything" can be your dream and I added some tangibles of vacationing since he seemed to be thinking along these lines) "Where have you been wanting to go visit?" At this point all 3 kids had ideas and surprisingly enough they quickly thought of multiple options and were all in agreement with where they wanted to go, when and we're guessing about costs. It was awesome and I learning to valuable things they dreamt small for this first go round, however, they were already thinking bigger after budgeting and planning how to "save money" and "earn money".

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