

## ***To-Do in order to actually TEACH your kids***

- *decide where you are – for right now – on the axes. Are you more Parent-Driven or Child-Inspired? Are you more Structured or Unstructured?*
- *how much do you want to push away from where your current comfort point is?*
- *Buy what curriculum you need...*
  - *but don't get emotionally attached to following the schedules too closely*
  - *and don't be afraid to ditch something that isn't working. Your time and your kids' time is too valuable to waste on poor quality materials. (And you can always try reselling it on eBay, Craigslist, or at your local homeschool resale shop!)*
- *Look for opportunities for your kids to learn from or with other people*
  - *other people often advertise on social media activities that they are running or involved with... or even repost what they have heard about*
  - *car shows, crafters' guilds, and other places where people interested in what your kid needs or wants to learn are gathered are helpful*
- *Establish what your kid knows using standardized tests, college courses, or recommendation letters from adult mentors*
- *Use what's free – but don't ignore options that cost (sometimes you really do get what you pay for)*
- *Take longer to do a 'course' of study than a school might – if you can have fun with it!*
- *The actual details are less important than approaching learning with 'beginner's mind' and ENJOYING THE JOURNEY!!!*