

Organization and time management are skills that we work very hard to develop in Upper Elementary. We provide the students with planners, model scheduling, provide varied due dates, etc. Here are some ways you can help develop your child's organizational skills at home:

1. Keep a family calendar. Track everyone's activities on an accessible calendar. Encourage your child to write his/her activities on the calendar. Everyone in the family can use a different color for their activities!
2. Introduce checklists. Whether it is a "To Do" list for the weekend, or a packing list for a vacation, creating and referring to lists together will help develop your child's ability to prioritize tasks and organize time.
3. Assign chores that involve sorting or categorizing. Shopping for food and supplies, emptying the dishwasher, folding and sorting laundry and any other tasks that require a bit of pre-planning, sorting or arranging and great ideas.
4. Plan for the next day the night before. Lay out clothes, get backpack ready so that there is not a mad rush the next morning.
5. Establish a homework or study routine. Set up a comfortable workspace and have materials needed there easily accessible.
6. Cook together. Cooking requires following directions, measuring, sorting and managing time all at once. If they help with the planning too, you get double duty!

Montessori Material:

The Timeline of Man is a material used often in the UE Montessori classroom. The timeline starts with the first humans, and extends to modern times. Students use this timeline in a variety of ways. It is especially useful tool in prepping the children for our annual Mystery History event.

