

HOME-LEARNING STARTER PLAN

2–3 kids · ages 8–11 · small-group pod with live on-screen teaching — Start lean (Setup A), grow into a full school (B) or shared teacher (C).

1. Room shopping list (one-time)

Item	Recommended pick	≈ Price (CAD)
Big screen	55–65" 4K smart TV (e.g. Samsung DU7100)	\$550–\$900
Camera + mic (all-in-one)	Logitech MeetUp (4K, 120° wide, mics+speaker)	~\$850
...or budget A/V	Wide webcam + Jabra Speak 510 speakerphone	~\$250
Mount + cables	Wall mount + 2× HDMI	~\$80
Furniture	Shared table + 3 chairs + storage (IKEA)	~\$350
Whiteboard	Wall dry-erase board (skip if interactive panel)	~\$60
Internet	100+ Mbps, ≥10 up; wire the room with Ethernet	existing plan
One-time total	Lean build → Balanced build	~\$1,250 – \$2,550

2. Month-1 weekly rhythm (~3 focused hours/day; hold the clock loosely)

Time	Mon–Thursday	Friday / principle
8:30	Outdoor / active start	Primes attention
9:00	Live class — math/STEM (big screen, qualified teacher)	Hardest subject first
9:45	Outdoor / movement break	10–15 min is the effective dose
10:05	Live class — literacy	Recall yesterday, then new
10:50	Snack + free play	Genuine break
11:10	Independent mastery practice (Khan / Beast Academy)	Advance only on mastery; self-quiz
PM	Projects · reading · outdoors · 1 enrichment elective (coding / business / science)	Fri: project day + a contest/challenge or field trip

3. Program sign-up checklist

Core live teaching

- ☐ Outschool — book 1 math + 1 literacy class
- ☐ Khan Academy (free) — daily practice
- ☐ Schoolhouse.world (free) — peer tutoring

Competitive enrichment

- ☐ Beast Academy — advanced math (~\$130/yr)
- ☐ Create & Learn (free intro) or Tynker — coding/AI
- ☐ BizWorld — entrepreneurship & money skills

Optional stretch

- ☐ Johns Hopkins CTY (gifted acceleration)
- ☐ Prisma Lower School (full live online school)

4. Funding & registration (do first!)

- ☐ Alberta: notify an associate board by Sept 30 → ~\$450/child reimbursable
- ☐ BC: enrol in a funded online school (SelfDesign / HCOS / EBUS / NIDES) by Sept 30 → ~\$600/child
- ☐ Ontario / MB / QC: no funding (ON: optional letter of intent)
- ☐ Pods: confirm rules with your provincial Ministry before forming a multi-family pod

5. First-week actions

1. Pick province path + register for funding
2. Order screen + camera; set up & wire the room
3. Create Outschool + Khan accounts; book first 2 classes
4. Start Beast Academy; pick 1 coding + 1 business elective
5. Print this plan; trial 2 weeks, then adjust

Companion to the full report "Beyond the Cookie-Cutter Classroom." Prices/funding change — reconfirm before purchase. CAD figures approx. at ~1.37/USD.