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**Linda's Organizing Tip for August 2009:**

**It's Back to School Time Again:**

It's time to begin thinking about preparing the kids for the school year. I came across a website that had many good articles and information on it. It's called Mom's Homeroom, and is described as a vibrant community of real moms sharing tips for helping kids succeed. Here is a Link to an article called "[6 Ways to Get Organized for Back to School](#)". Check out this [Video](#) too, of 4 mom's discussing their approach to the end of summer.

I had a really busy schedule this summer with the kids in all kinds of activities, usually overlapping each other. I had to be on top of things to keep track of it all. I do have a large family calendar, as is recommended in the above mentioned articles, but I found that it did not always get looked at by those who needed to see it. I finally decided that it was just too cluttered with all the info, so I decided to purchase a [dry erase weekly planner](#), (I bought mine at Office Max). Either my daughter or I copy the info onto the board, using each person's colors as are on the calendar. Here is a photo of our Activity Central. I keep checks that are needed for weekly activities here, as well. So far the system is working really well. I initially bought TUL markers, and then had to replace them with [Expo](#), as several of the markers dried out already.



Enjoy the rest of summer! If you need any help with organizing, please call Linda!

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***These tips are for sharing!  
Please forward to others interested in organizing ideas.***

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