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#### Quote

"You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance."

~Franklin P. Jones

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<http://www.quotegarden.com/children.html>

#### Try It...Organizing

5 minute organizing!

Sort through your kids' school paperwork once a day while watching the news before dinner.

## Enlightened News

Monthly Newsletter

Inspiring People to Improve Their Quality of Life through Organizing Tips!

Dear Sabrina,

This e-news continues the topic of 'How I organize my memorabilia' from the June Issue.

[School paperwork, awards, and art projects](#): As my children turned five and six respectively, I started asking them at the end of every school year to go through their papers, awards, and stuff that was saved, "What do you want to keep?" I gave them each a plastic box with a lid and said, "This is the box for your memories, pick only the things you love the most and you want to remember. The rest will go to charity or be recycled." It took a little while but they were able to choose.

Each year, I pull out the same bin and have them add to it and revisit the other school keepsakes. To my enjoyment, they find things in the bin that they do not want and replace it with a more recent keepsake.

Another obstacle was the [Kids Artwork](#)! Need I say more?

Growing up with [my brother](#) who is an artist, a mom that didn't know what was art and what was not, and the numerous disagreements/arguments with the topic of throwing away artwork that he loved and keeping things that only she loved but he didn't. I decided to make my kids decide what they wanted to keep and what they wanted to get rid of. It was their artwork and therefore it was their decision.

I started this in around first grade. I choose to frame my favorite pieces and place them on the walls. Only keeping the most recent on the wall made my kids feel proud of the creation and they were more willing to give up some artwork that was not exceptional.

[Home Movies](#)...how to I organize my home videos? Well, sometime ago, I decide to invest in software to help me make the videos. And, I converted most of my silent movies, all my VHS and Camcorder tapes into Digital then recorded onto DVDs. It took some time, but after I completed it, it was well worth it. Since I had possession of all the family silent movies, I was able to create a DVD for family members as Christmas gifts as well. For my Family Movie DVDs, I placed them in DVD/CD binders. Over the years, it has developed into two binders and I store them in our DVD drawer

Now, as the years passed, I look through the different memorabilia and am at awe with the wonderful memories of our life. I relive my life every time I look over the videos, photos, scrapbook, and keepsakes. I hope your wonderful memories withstand the test of time.

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