

**7:00 am-7:30 am**

The only time I set my alarm is when my kids (or I) need to be somewhere in the morning. Today I set my alarm for 6:30 because Charles' American Lit class were meeting at 8:30 to listen to a dramatized version of *The Scarlet Letter* on CD. I shut the alarm off and woke up at 7:00. Sophie woke up to a bad dream (very rare) and wanted me to come play with her to get her mind off it. So, after we prayed together, we played horsies, tea party and dolls.

**7:30 am-8:30 am**

I woke the rest of the kids and the older boys showered, then did their morning jobs. I started making bread so it would be ready for lunchtime, then I made pancakes for breakfast. I put Starfall.com on for Sophie to play and Christian listened to a book on CD. After breakfast, Andrew drove Charles to his American Lit. class. We said a quick prayer together before they left.

**8:30 am-10:00 am**

Isaiah did his math, Sophie and Christian cut out big ears for characters in for a skippyjon Jones play they are working on, and I showered and got ready for the day. After that I helped Christian and Sophie with their morning routine.

I've been determined to have the younger kids help more consistently around the house. My older boys help me so much with the daily cleaning, that I usually just let the younger ones play. But I know my older boys are so helpful *because* I've had them help with the housework since they were young. Anyway, I've been having Sophie and Christian help me clean up the bathroom and start the laundry in the mornings, but I was in a hurry and decided to do it myself. Plus, Christian had found a box of Lego instructions and he was so excited to put together one of his older Lego sets. :)

**10:00 am-12:30 pm**

Isaiah, Sophie and I left for Isaiah's orthodontist app. It was a 1/2 hr. drive so, we listened to *The Story of the World Vol.3* on CD. While in the waiting room, I did Sophie's Reading lesson with her. While I was gone, Andrew had put the risen bread dough in the oven for me. We had chicken salad sandwiches for lunch. (usually during this time I would have done bible, history and/or science with Sophie and Christian)

**12:30 pm-3:00 pm**

After lunch, Christian completed his math and Grammar lessons on Time4Learning.com, Sophie painted pictures, Isaiah read for a while then did other schoolwork, and Andrew worked on music for a Radio Theater class he is co-teaching. I started a large batch of pasta sauce in the Crock pot. We used some for dinner, and I put the rest in the freezer for another day. When Christian was finished with the computer, Isaiah got on to work on his online Language course and typing practice, Christian read books to Sophie, and I spent time with Fred. Then I looked at some recipes online.