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## **The Days are Long, The Years are Short: Anchor Academy and Homeschooling**

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**INTRO:** Anchor Academy, a homeschool cottage tutorial based in Cordova, Tn. Is shaking up the traditional ways of educating.

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**[VO 1]** During a tumultuous time in our culture, parents are opting to take their kids out of the public-school system and are placing them in a cottage school.

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**[ACT 1]** A cottage school is a small informal school or tutorial that generally meets in a home, one to two days a week (sometimes more) and covers most or all of the basics needed each week while sending home assignments to be completed by the students the other days.

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**[VO 1]** That's Kristina Warren. She is an instructor at Anchor Academy. At Anchor Academy, they provide valuable life-learning skills for students. And while provides schooling for two days a week, parents are still hesitant to sign on for such a large commitment. However, Kristin Horlings, experienced homeschool mom is advocating the benefits.

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**[ACT 2]** One of the main reasons is getting to be there with my kids. I think back to when they were little, and they were taking their first steps and saying their first words and doing things for the first time; I was able to be there for that. And to be able to see your kid learn something or do something for the first time and see the joy and pride on their faces is something really incredible.

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**[VO 1]** According to both Warren and Horlings, it's not only getting to be there, it's the freedom to choose what your child is learning and the person they become.

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**[ACT 2]** I am able to see when I need to push them or pull back or to encourage or even really when to shut the books and take some time off.

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**[VO 1]** Warren commented that many children need extra attention out of the classroom; homeschooling provides that special attention and a cottage school takes it up a notch.

Warren also believes that homeschooling your children grants them the necessary tools to become better human beings and ultimately brings the families closer together.

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**[ACT 2]** The days are long, but the years are short. And that is so so true. The years that I've had with my kids have flown by so quickly and I don't how it has happened. But what I do know is that I will ever ever regret spending this time with my children.

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