

**Red = Demanding/Critical Role. Acting+Singing**  
**Blue = Only Acting, no singing.**  
**Green = Less Demanding Roles**  
**Orange = Older Actors (The “adults” in the show)**

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### **The HomeSquad**

*(Ages 10 to 14, tweens.)*

**Will:** Protagonist. Leader of the HomeSquad. Tommy’s best friend. Bryson’s older brother. (85 lines, 5 solos.)

**Tommy:** The big kid. Lovable character. Love interest: Mandy. Battles insecurities with humor. Comedic sidekick. Will’s best friend. Must be a larger kid, as he is bullied because of his weight (which he overcomes in the show). (77 lines, 13 solos.)

**Cheryl:** (32 lines, 2 solos.)

**Lacey:** The prissy bible girl. (29 lines, 4 solos.)

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### **The Public School Squad**

*(Ages 11 to 16, middle schoolers/high schoolers.)*

**Colin:** Tommy’s main bully. Mandy’s mean boyfriend. (36 lines.)

**Samantha:** Having family struggles at home, Samantha takes her frustrations off on the HomeSquad kids. But deep down inside, she’s not a bad kid. (20 lines, 5 solos.)

**Mandy:** Love interest of Tommy. Hangs out with the public schoolers, but is NOT a bully. (25 lines, 1 solo.)

**Buff:** Colin’s sidekick. The comedic goofball. Needs good comedic timing. (18 lines, 1 solo.)

**Braelyn:** Is a bully. More of a tomboy. (24 lines, 2 solos.)

**Sandy:** Is a bully. (14 lines, 2 solos.)

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**Setting:** Modern day suburban neighborhood. Costumes are casual modern.

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### **Bryson's Crew**

*(Ages 7 to 10, or extremely short in height.)*

**Bryson:** Will's little brother. Has a close connection with Will. (49 lines, 4 solos.)

**Leonard:** One of Bryson's crew. (7 lines.)

**Becky:** One of Bryson's crew. (2 lines.)

**Paula:** One of Bryson's crew. (1 line.)

**Margarette:** One of Bryson's crew. (No lines. Takes notes on a clipboard for Bryson. Optional.)

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### **Other Characters**

**Captain Bonny:** A pirate captain that appears in Bryson and Will's imagination! Needs to be a good character actress. (7 lines.)

**Stacy:** Teacher's pet in the classroom scene. (3 lines.)

**Braxton:** A comedic homeschool secondary role. "The legend." (14 lines.)

**Pirate Speakers 1-3:** In Aaron/Will's imagination land. *(Between 1 and 3 lines each.)*

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### **The Adults**

*(Cast in double roles as necessary. All parents sing in "Precious Little Angel.")*

**Mayor:** (9 lines, 1 solo.)

**The Teacher:** (11 lines.)

**Braxton's Mom:** (9 lines.)

**Will's Mom:** (10 lines, 1 solo.)

**Will's Dad:** (2 lines, 1 solo.)

**Braxton's Dad:** (3 lines.)

**Samantha's Dad:** (3 lines.)

**Samantha's Mom:** (2 lines.)

**Toy Vendor:** (2 lines.)

**Mandy's Mom:** (1 line.)

**Cheryl's Mom:** (1 line offstage.)

**Tommy's Mom:** (2 lines.)

**Bus Driver:** (2 solos.)

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## PROPS

**2 Nerf Guns** – *(With bullets. Will & Bryson battle each other at the beginning of the show.)*

**Candles** – *(For the candle seller at the festival. Need at least one for Leonard.)*

**Cell Phones** – *(Used a few times between Tommy & Will.)*

**Video Game Controllers** – *(At a minimum, just the controllers for representation.)*

**Textbook** – *(Used when Braxton is studying with his mom.)*

**Bag or cup of popcorn** – *(Real popcorn, for comedic affect. Eaten by Tommy.)*

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## SET

*(Note: These are only suggestions.)*

During the original production of this show, we used two 15x15 foot wing backdrops, painted all black. The cloth was cut so that trees extended a bit over the proscenium. We painted the trees/houses on the backdrops with a generic outline of, say, a kid drawing a house on a chalkboard. Upstage center, was another 10x10 backdrop, painted black with bright colors outlining the house of the logo for the show, all hung from a grid.

A large plywood cutout of a school bus was used for "This Old School."

# HomeSquad – The Musical

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*(Bryson and Will are playing a game with nerf guns)*

## **Sound Cue #1: Prologue**

**Will:** *(Jumps out from behind the set. Trying to find Will) Aha!!! Hmmm... (Bryson shuffles and giggles in his hiding spot) Ohhh Bryyysooon! I know you're in here! (He finds Bryson) Eat bullets, alien scum!!! (Starts shooting)*

**Bryson:** Ow! Ow! Hey! Hey! No crotch shots! We said no crotch shots!!

**Will:** No crotch shots, huh? How about a knuckle noogie! *(Gives Bryson a noogie)*

**Bryson:** Quit it! Cut it out, Will! I'm gonna tell mom! This isn't fun anymore!! *(Breaks free)*

**Will:** Aw... Is little brother gonna cry? *(Imitates baby crying)*

**Bryson:** No... I'm just gonna... CATCH YOU OFF GUARD! *(Plummets Will with Nerf guns)*

**Will:** Ow! Hey! Quit it!

**Will's Mom:** *(Enters onstage)* What did I say about playing with these in the house? These toys are for outside only.

**Bryson:** But it's so *cold* outside.

**Will:** Yea, what's the big idea, mom!

**Will's Mom:** The big idea? Ha! The big idea is my broken lamp, several drinking glasses, and your great grandmother!

**Bryson:** I'm still trying to figure out how we fit great grandma Sandra in that small vase. *(Will laughs)*

### Sound Cue #3: Intro Underscore

**Will:** (*Speaking directly to the audience*) Hey! I'm Will. I'm homeschooled. But that doesn't mean I'm like... A nerd or anything. I learn everything public schoolers learn! But... Differently. See, my mom is my teacher... And the principal... and the lunch lady, the P.E. coach, the after school detention lady, the academic advisor... Literally everything. I know, it doesn't sound great. But, it is! And I also have some of the best friends a kid could ever ask for! (*Lacey appears onstage*) This is Lacey. She's pretty cool. She's the leader of the middle school bible study team at church.

**Lacey:** What do you mean you didn't study Psalm 119? How are we supposed to progress in this class if nobody is actually trying to learn the word of God? Becky! Stop texting! If Jesus were alive today, texting during bible study would most definitely be on a top 10 list of worst sins, EVER. (*Freeze*)

**Will:** (*Cheryl enters*) And this is Cheryl. She's insanely smart. Don't tell her I said that. Sometimes it gets to her head.

**Cheryl:** Hey mom! Can I combine today's lesson of biology with literature since I am *technically reading* this chapter?

**Cheryl's Mom:** (*Offstage*) Sure, honey!

**Cheryl:** Yesssss! (*Fist pump*)

**Will:** (*Tommy enters*) And Tommy? He's pretty chill. He tries to be funny. But we mostly just laugh at his jokes to get him to stop repeating them over and over again.

**Tommy:** I guess all the good *chemistry* puns *argon!* Eh?? EH?? (Tommy is nudging Will. Will ignores Tommy.)

**Will:** And that's the squad! We call ourselves "The HomeSquad."

**Tommy:** I wanted to name our squad The Chickfila Greeters, but *they* think it's an "offensive stereotype to homeschoolers."

**Will:** It is.

**Tommy:** It's only offensive because it's true!

**Will:** So, yea. This is our squad.

**ALL:** The HomeSquad!

**ALL:**

We are the HomeSquad!

**Lacey:**

It's true we may be a little bit odd

**ALL:**

But we've got each other that's all we need  
Homeschool friends are what we need to succeed!  
In life!

**ALL:**

*We are the dweebs!*  
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This group of homeschoolers has no hope of being cooler

But together we're the best,  
We are safe inside our nest  
Because the outside world is scary  
*It's a great big heaping mess!*

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**Leonard:**

*One time I was supposed to be home by 4:30, and I got back at 4:31.  
Now my dad will never let me out in the backyard ever again.*

**Becky:**

*We're the coolest squad in co-op!*

**Lacey:**

*We can quote The Princess Bride!*

**Colin:** *(Grabs Tommy by the shirt.)* You layin' eyes on my girl?

**Tommy:** Uhh...

**Colin:** *(Laughs)* That's hilarious! Have you looked at yourself? *(Lets go)* You should take a look in the mirror every time you approach a girl. *(Laughs as he walks offstage)*

**Tommy:** Oh, yeah!?! Well, at least I can make her laugh! *(Adjusts his shirt. Does a fist towards Colin as he walks offstage. Tommy walks back over to his squad.)*

**Lacey:** So, how'd it go, lover boy?

**Tommy:** *(Confidently)* I think I can win her over!

### **Musical Number: Knight in Shining Armor**

**Tommy:**

*(Spoken)*

*My mom tells me, it's not what's on the outside that counts. It's what's on the inside.  
Mom tells me, that I could be a knight in shining armor, if I wanted to be.*

**ALL:**

Oooooh Aaaaah

Oooooh Aaaaah

Oooooh Aaaaah

Oooooh Aaaaah

**Tommy:**

*What does it take to be a knight in shining armor?  
You need a fancy suit, a noble steed, and a big long sword.  
But what would happen if the knight in shining armor  
Were a bit more round, on every single angle?*

**ALL:**

Oooooh Aaaaah

Oooooh Aaaaah

Oooooh Aaaaah

Oooooh Aaaaah

**Tommy:**

*The only thing that makes a knight in shining armor  
is a damsel in distress*

**Will:** WE GET THE MESSAGE, MOM!!

**Lacey:** Anyways, a kiss is when two people put their lips together and hold it for a few seconds.

**Will:** Why would anyone want to do that?

**Tommy:** Yeah. Honestly, it's kind of gross.

**Lacey:** My family doesn't believe in TV. I'm too busy with my nose in my books while your brains are turning to mush! And I pray that you never have children!

**Will:** *(Pause)* That's really, really harsh.

**Lacey:** Hey, Cheryl! Did you ever kiss that one guy you were dating that you said you were planning on marrying when you get older?

**Will:** Isn't that called courting?

**Cheryl:** No... Courting is lame. Intentional dating, is awesome.

**Will:** I can't keep these terms straight anymore.

**Tommy:** My dad yelled at me for watching Toy Story.

**Will:** What? That's not even an R-rated movie. It's rated G!

**Lacey:** Toys that come to life? Helloooo! Black magic! That's from the devil!

**Will:** I don't think that's correct.

**Cheryl:** Look. Everything out there, in the real world? It's bad. Evil. Except for church.

**Tommy:** One time, my mom bought me a gas mask for when I go outside to keep me from breathing in the devil's temptations.

**Lacey:** That makes sense.

**Will:** The real world is scary.

**Mom:** *(Offstage)* Time for bed!

**Will:** Alright, mom! Okay, guys. So the plan tomorrow... We all split up. *(Gets out phone)* Tommy and I will take this side of town, while Lacey and Cheryl take the other side. Got it?

**Mandy:** Hey, Tommy.

**Tommy:** That got a little crazy, yesterday, huh?

**Mandy:** Yea...

**Tommy:** So, Mandy... I was wondering... Do you want to maybe... Hang out sometime?

**Mandy:** Of course, Tommy! I've been wanting to hang out for a while.

**Tommy:** But what about Colin?

**Mandy:** I broke up with him. He's not the guy I deserve. I'm looking for a guy who's (*grabs Tommy's hand*) nice to me. We're not that different, me and you. Ya know?

**Tommy:** I beg to differ! You're pretty tall. And do you see all this? (*pats belly*)

**Mandy:** (*Laughs*) That's not what I meant! Hey, Tommy. I'm sorry for the way my friends treated you and your friends.

**Tommy:** Ahh... It's no sweat. Wanna go play some Minecraft?

**Mandy:** I've never played it!

**Tommy:** Well. I'm not one to brag or anything... But you're about to be blown away by the craftman! (*They exit.*)

**Bryson:** Hey, Will! Look what I won.

**Will:** You know what, little bro? You won it, fair and square. Good game. (*extends hand*)

**Bryson:** Good game... Hey, Will? Can we play Hunters vs. Aliens?

**Will:** Sure, bro. Bryson, I'm sorry for not hanging out with you.

**Bryson:** No sweat.

**Will:** I just found out something today...

**Bryson:** Really? What's that?

**Will:** Well... It just so happens that I found out... That THE WORLD IS BEING ATTACKED BY ALIENS! (*Mimics gun shots*)