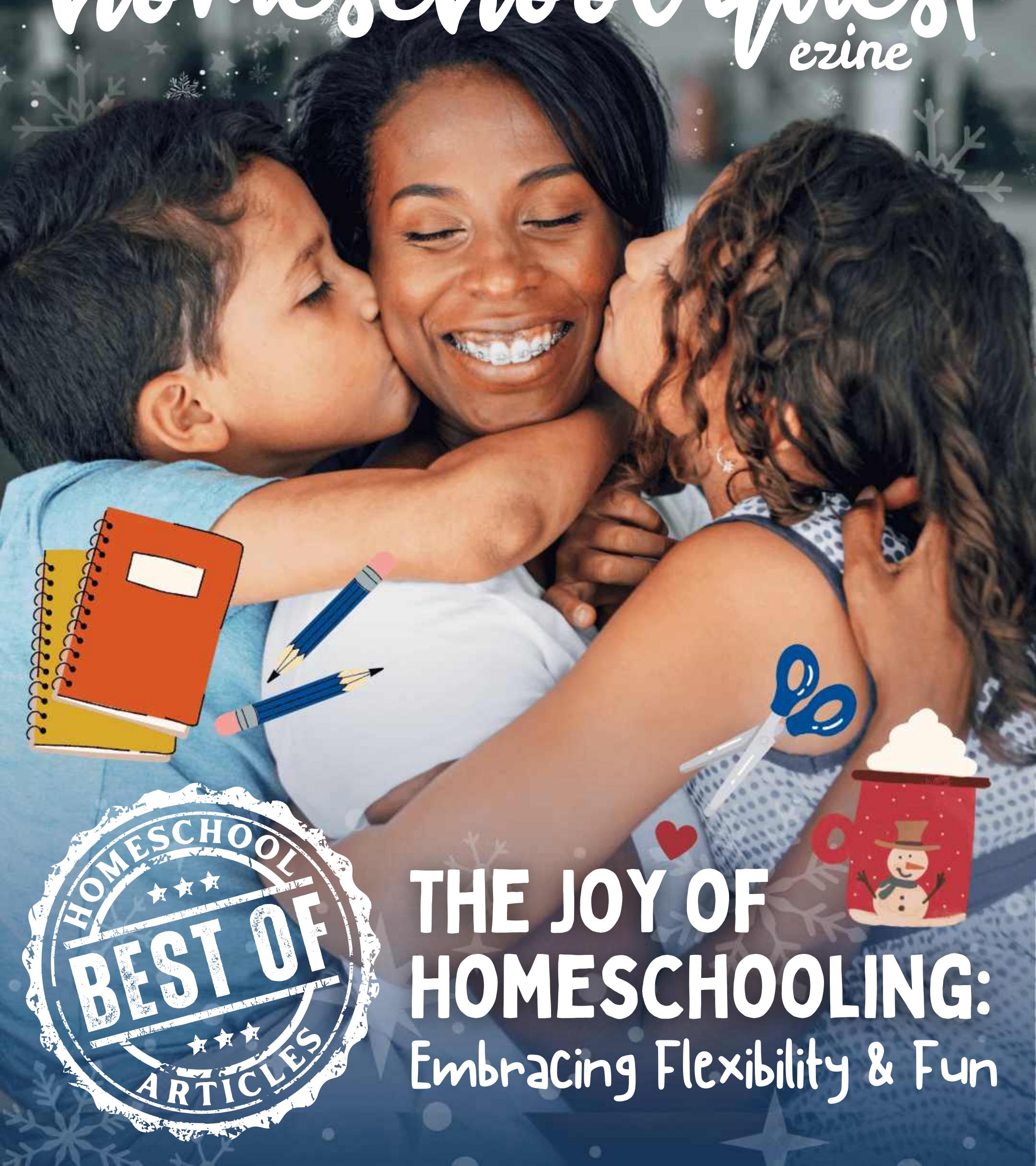


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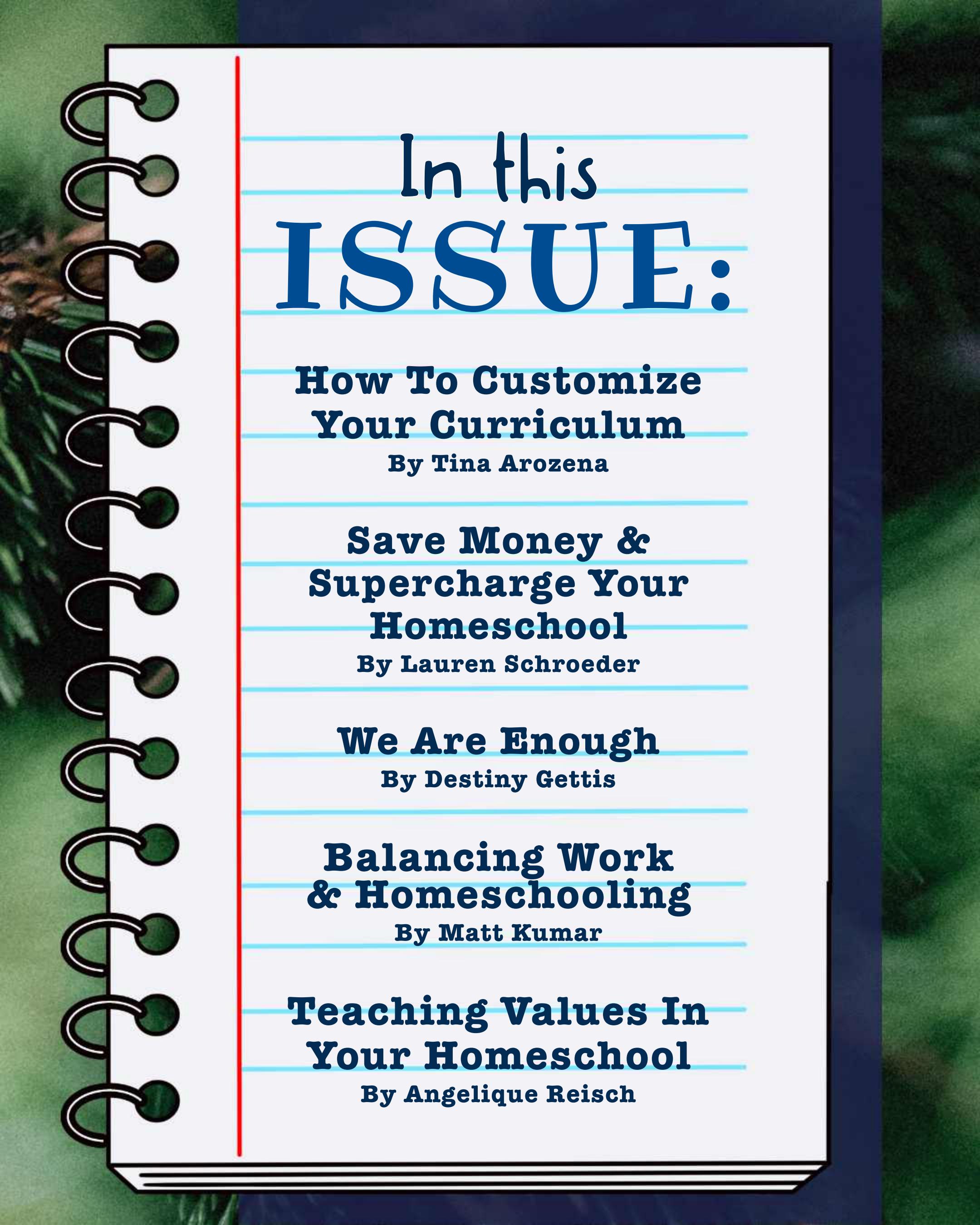


There's no Rush!

I remember there's an entire school year, and after that another one, and then the rest of our lives because we never stop growing and learning and that makes me feel better about neglecting multiplication for a week.

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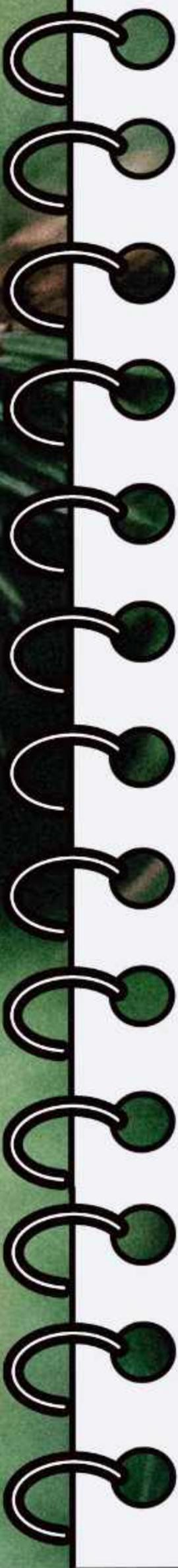
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HOW TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR CURRICULUM TO FIT YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS

By Tina Arozena of Big Easy Homeschooling Mom

When I first decided to homeschool my daughter, I quickly discovered the most overwhelming part wasn't the teaching itself—it was figuring out how to teach in a way that truly worked for her.

Homeschooling offers families incredible freedom to create an education that truly fits each child. This personalization is both its greatest strength and its biggest challenge.

Let's explore practical ways to customize your homeschool approach for your unique learner.

HOW TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR CURRICULUM

1. Understand Your Child's Learning Style

Children process information differently, and recognizing these differences can transform your teaching effectiveness.

For visual learners: Use color-coding for different subjects or concepts. For literature analysis, my daughter loves to use mind maps, which helps her, a visual learner, see connections between characters and themes.

For auditory learners: Try audiobooks or recording lessons for review. I have a friend whose daughter memorizes facts by creating songs about them—she still remembers all the presidents because she set them to a catchy tune at age eight!

For reading/writing learners: Provide written instructions and encourage journaling. These learners often thrive with workbooks and writing assignments that let them process information through text.

For kinesthetic learners: Incorporate movement into lessons. You could be creative and teach multiplication through hopscotch, with each hop representing a step in the calculation.

2. Choose a Flexible Curriculum

The beauty of homeschooling is the freedom to mix approaches. You are not obligated to stick with one method—take what works and leave what does not.

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HOW TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR CURRICULUM

3. Incorporate Your Child's Interests

Passion-driven learning creates deeper understanding and retention. A teenager interested in video game design might learn coding, storytelling, art, and even physics principles of game mechanics—all motivated by personal enthusiasm.

I turned my daughter's passion for astronomy into science lessons (planetary systems), math (calculating orbital periods), physics (gravitational forces), and literature (sci-fi classics exploring space travel).

4. Adjust the Pace of Learning

One of homeschooling's greatest advantages is time flexibility. If you have a child that can go through math for one school year in just four months, you can start him/her on sixth-grade concepts rather than making him/her wait.

The flexibility works both ways—another family I know takes science concepts slowly, spending three weeks on a topic that might take one week in traditional school, because their daughter processes information methodically and needs time to experiment with each new concept. The flexibility is limitless!

5. Use a Variety of Resources

Homeschooling thrives on resource diversity. Modern homeschoolers are curriculum curators, not just consumers. Many successful homeschoolers keep a "resource shelf" with manipulatives, reference books, and educational games that children can access independently when interested or when scheduled lessons are complete.

HOW TO CUSTOMIZE YOUR CURRICULUM

Focusing on your child

Customizing your homeschool curriculum takes thoughtful effort, but the rewards are substantial. A personalized education honors your child's uniqueness and nurtures not just academic success but genuine love of learning.

By focusing on how your child learns best rather than rigid adherence to any single method, you create an education that prepares them not just for tests, but for life itself.

I have discovered that the key to our successful homeschool is letting my daughter's interest be front and center in her learning. When she is involved and wants to learn, I see productivity off the charts!



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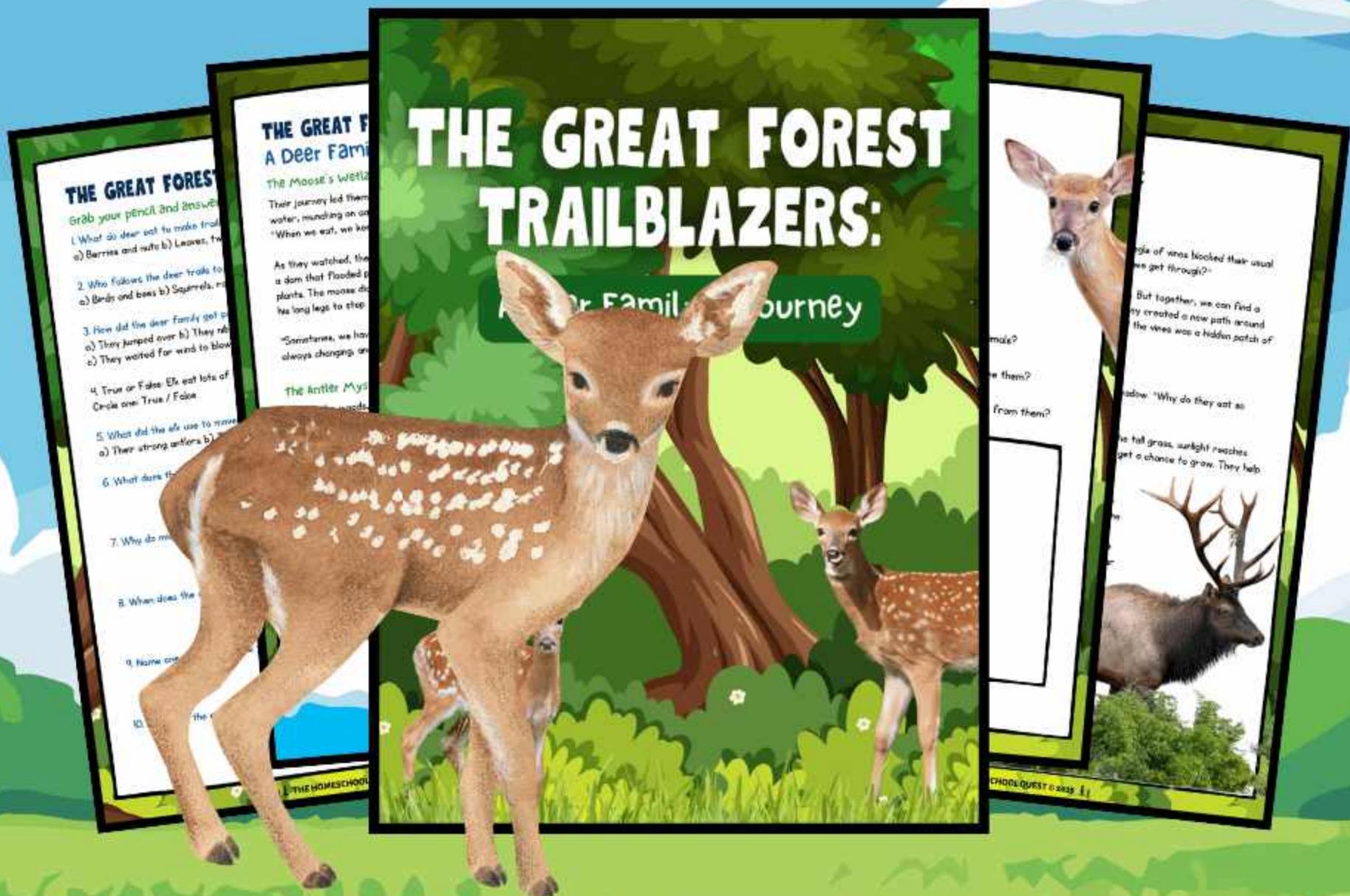
There are 7 days in a week, 24 hours in a day and 365 days in a year. Your homeschool, your way, any time, and a million creative ways to teach. Give yourself some grace and change things up when needed.

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**SHARING YOUR PASSION
WITH YOUR KIDS**

**By Lauren Schroeder
Salt and Lightspeed**



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I still remember the acrid smell of the soldering iron and the oversized handle in my small, 6-year-old hands. The Montana summer heat was kept at bay by the dim lights and garage door.

My grandpa was teaching me to make my first circuit, a simple flashlight. Every summer, I would make the journey from my home in Seattle to my grandpa's garage. His passion was infectious.

I ended up going to school to be a computer engineer. My passion for electronics continues to play a key role in my current career, and I hope to pass along some of that same passion to my own kids.

Here are 7 wonderful benefits of embracing your own passions in your homeschool (and not limiting yourself to just what your curriculum tells you to teach or what your kids are interested in). And yes, I mean that hobby you have of cross-stitching tiny farm animals... or whatever it is you do :).



**Benjamin Franklin summed up the
time I spent with my grandpa (and
what I hope my kids experience)
when he said, "Tell me and I forget,
teach me and I may remember,
involve me and I learn."**



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7 BENEFITS OF PASSION-DRIVEN HOMESCHOOLING

1. MODEL LOVE OF LEARNING

From speech formation to tottering around with their tiny feet in your fanciest heels, kids learn best by copying you. You would be modeling for them one of the sweetest goals of education: a genuine, enduring love of learning.

2. TEACH WITH JOY

Nothing saps my energy for teaching quite like staring out into the chilly South Dakotan winter, knowing I need to go to the store to buy supplies for a random experiment that I don't even like. Imagine instead waking up excited about the day's homeschool lesson because you get to do what you love!

3. SHARE YOUR EXPERTISE

I can't think of a single person in my life who isn't an expert at something. It could be something school-y sounding, like "engineering" or "chemistry." More often, however, they have expertise in odd things like designing board games, crocheting little animals, running marathons, or even planning meals.



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4. LEARN NEW THINGS TOGETHER

Maybe your passion is leading you to learn something new right now. Invite your kids to join you in this learning adventure! They'll see you dedicate yourself to learning something on your own initiative, including doing research, trying new things, and (often) failing spectacularly.

5. USE MATERIALS YOU ALREADY HAVE

I love watercolor painting, and guess what: I already have a bunch of different paints, brushes, and paper types that my kids can experiment with. And even if I do need to buy something, I'm probably buying something that I can enjoy outside of school, giving me a lot more bang for my buck.

6. PROVIDE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES

If you engage in a hobby, you're likely part of a group of people who are passionate about the same thing, whether that's a weekly meetup of quilting ladies or a Facebook group about rock collecting. Use that! You'll be exposing your child to the passion and expertise of an entire community and, more generally, showing them the power of networking.



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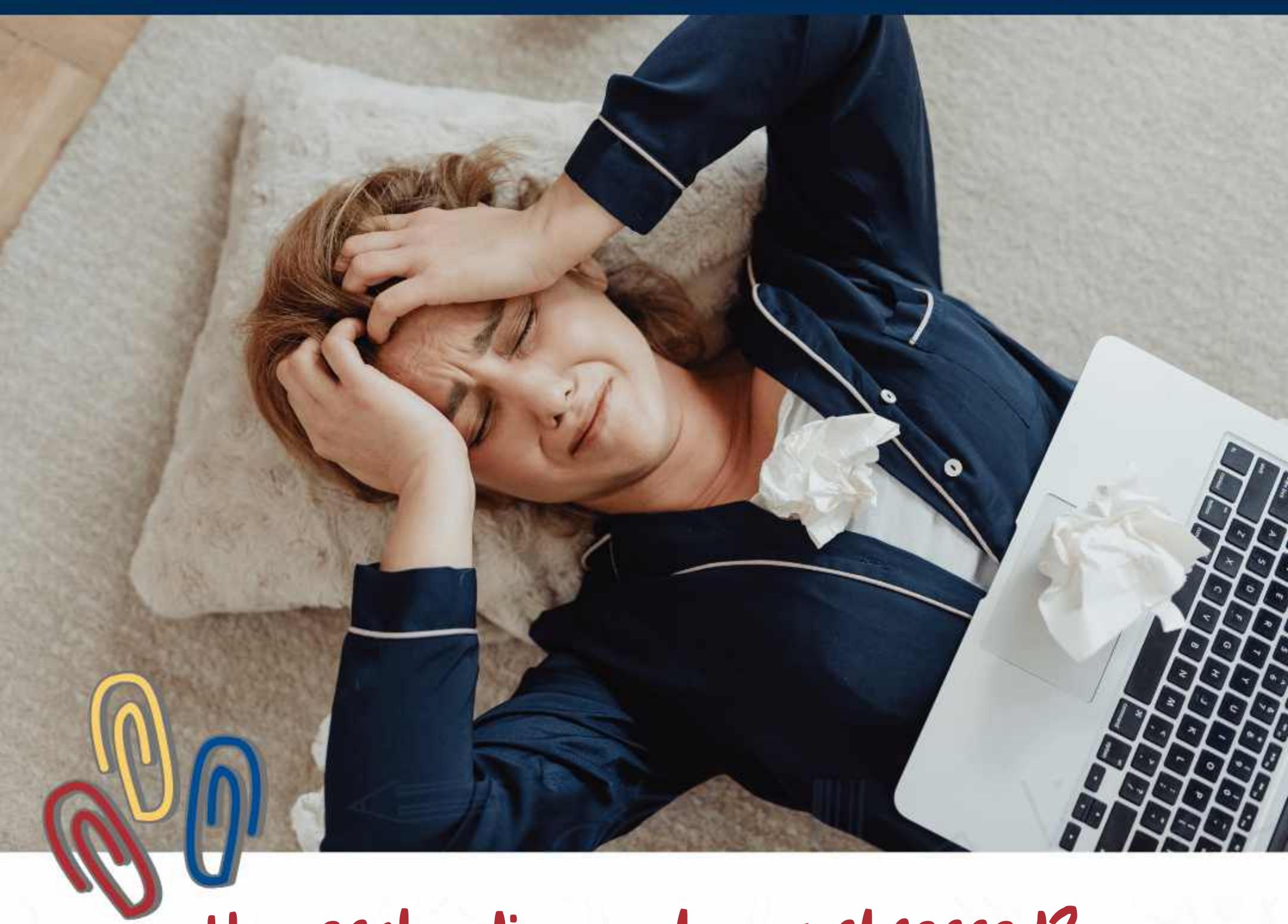
A FRAMEWORK FOR PURSUING THEIR INTERESTS

The goal is to provide your child with hands-on experience for how to pursue a passion. Researching, restoring, collecting, collaborating over, forging, valuing, and displaying your samurai sword collection teaches your child how to research, find value in, be excited about, network, and present their own passion projects.

So what are your passions? I encourage you to invite your kids into those passions and provide a loving space for them to pursue their own. And if you think that there isn't time in your day, I would encourage you to make it, even at the expense of writing essays or mastering multiplication tables. As Plutarch said, "The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled."

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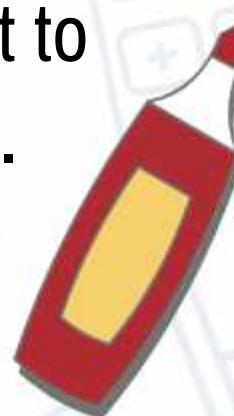


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Having a Hard day?

Think of what you'd tell a fellow mom. Give yourself the grace and encouragement you'd offer others. You deserve it too. Also, off track days are some of the best days to reconnect as a family.

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Is this a familiar phrase?

As a 6-year homeschooling veteran with four kids with varying needs, knowledge bases, and interests, things can get a little crazy some days.



We are enough

By Destiny Gettis

While homeschooling, I have learned some valuable skills:

1. Do NOT compare.
2. We're all learning together
3. Breathe. We will all get this in time.

"Comparison is the thief of joy,"
~ Theodore Roosevelt

We need to stop this as soon as we can. It is a hard habit to break, as I know all too well, but we can break those habits.

We as homeschoolers often teach mastery, not test and dump, so they may not be on the same page as the schools, and that is fine.

Do not let comparison steal joy from watching your lovely littles learn what you have taught them, and enjoy the moments where they randomly recall it.



We are enough

"Take chances, make mistakes,
and get messy." ~ Miss Frizzle



It is ok to not know everything. We are learning as we go, and we need to remember that and give ourselves grace, just like we give our kids. **New things are hard, but we are made to do those wonderfully hard things, and we will overcome them.**

Inhale and exhale. Hopefully not blowing up again. Homeschooling is hard, frustrating, and can be anger- and tear-inducing, which is part of the journey some days. But there is light because we control our schedules and how our kids learn.

We can step back when things are getting too much for them or us and just slowly breathe and refocus.

Do not trap you both in a schedule that isn't working for either of you.



We are enough

We got this as parents; you are enough for them. Let us stop comparing ourselves and our babies to everyone else. We are all different. Let us take back the joy of learning and growing together.

Breathe through the tough times; it's just a hard minute, not a hard life.

We got this, and our kids will be better for it. Whatever we do, parents, praise yourself for the good days and the days we hold our tempers.

Remember,
we are enough.

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BALANCING WORK & HOMESCHOOLING

4 Tips For Working Parents!

By Matt Kumar from 24 Hour Answers

BALANCING WORK & HOMESCHOOLING



Balancing homeschooling with a remote job can be frustrating.

However, with the right strategies, you can create a great structured learning experience for your child while staying on top of your work!

1. CREATE A DEDICATED LEARNING SPACE

A designated learning space can definitely help with homeschooling. It provides a physical boundary between 'school' and 'home', helping your child focus and structure their day. I found this helpful for my family given we are at home for the majority of each day.

Where: Home office, spare bedroom, even nooks do great. We try to avoid learning at the dining room table or kitchen island since we eat there as well. It's a never ending cycle of removing learning material or plates and silverware.

Include Furniture: Include a desk and chair, shelves for resources. I also recommend a calendar or whiteboard for planning each day or week.

Personalize The Space: Let your child help decorate. Include posters of what topics they are learning about or interested in.



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2. FINDING ALL-INCLUSIVE CURRICULUM:

Today's homeschooling parents are fortunate to have access to comprehensive, self-guided learning platforms like IXL and MiaAcademy. These platforms offer a variety of subjects and cater to many grade levels.

Self-Paced Learning: They allow students to learn at their own pace, fostering independence. Practice problems and homework: Additional material is provided for students to work on in a very structured setting.

Flexibility: These platforms fit well into a working parent's schedule, as they require less hands-on teaching time. Kids can login whenever, and work on material while you catch up on emails. These are great sites to utilize, especially with elementary and middle school aged children.

3. CONNECTING WITH LOCAL CO-OPS

Homeschooling co-ops have become increasingly common over the last 5 years.

CO-OPS ARE GREAT FOR:

Social Interaction: Your child can interact with peers, which is essential for social development.

Shared Teaching: Parents often take turns teaching, allowing you to focus on your work on days you're not teaching.

Diverse Learning Experiences: Co-ops can provide access to subjects or activities that are challenging to teach at home, like lab sciences or PE.

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4. LEVERAGING ONLINE CLASSES AND TUTORS:

For subjects that are outside your expertise or when your work demands more of your time, online classes and tutors are a game changer. They offer:

Expert Instruction: Tutors and online instructors often specialize in their subject areas and provide high-quality education.

Engaging Formats: Live classes are more engaging than pre-recorded lessons, keeping your child interested and involved. It also encourages your child to ask questions in a live setting.

Flexibility: Many websites offer a range of scheduling options, making it easier to fit into a busy workday.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Homeschooling while working from home is definitely a balancing act, but with the right resources and strategies, it's definitely achievable. By incorporating the 4 points I go over, you could easily create 20 hours a week of learning where you aren't the lead teacher.

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Take a mental health day

Society has given us an unreasonable model of how children should learn and behave. We already know it doesn't work for our kiddos. So some days are mental health days for us. We sometimes get a ton of school work done and sometimes we don't. Throwing out a schedule has completely worked for us. Most of our guilt comes from putting a mirror of traditional school in front of us.

Victoria Chappell

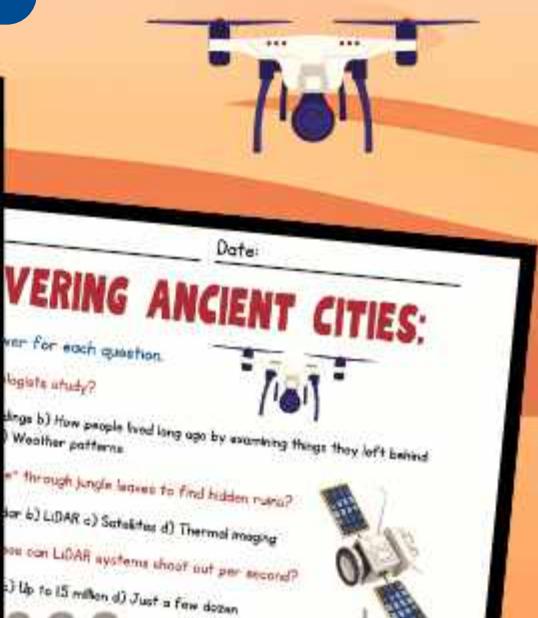
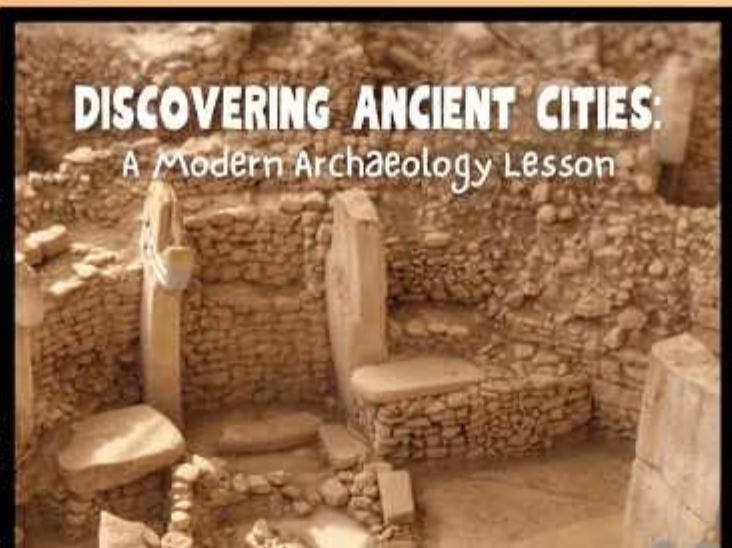
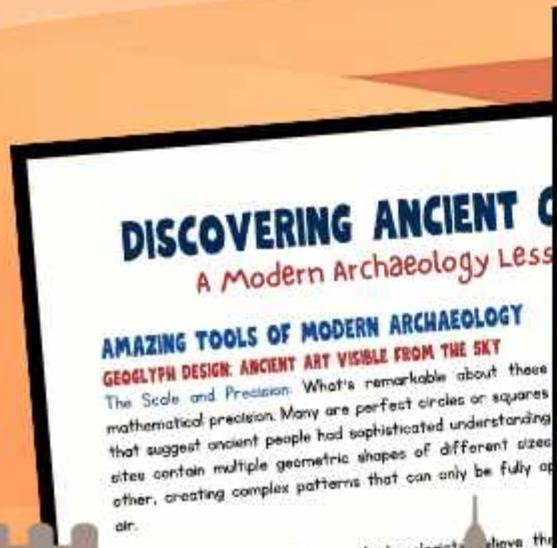
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TEACHING VALUES IN YOUR HOMESCHOOL

You know that frantic search we all do to find the perfect add-on to our curriculum? I've been there, done that, and have the gray hairs to show for it.

We sign our kiddos up for sports to teach discipline, art classes to spark creativity, and music lessons because, who doesn't want a little Mozart in the making?

But here's the thing: what if we're missing something just as important? I'm talking about teaching values like **kindness, gratitude, and resilience**. The kind of learning that turns our sweet babies into strong, thoughtful humans who'll knock the world's socks off!



By Angelique Reisch Of Tiny Values



TEACHING VALUES

What if we made teaching values more directly a consistent part of our homeschool routine? Imagine if we spent a fraction of the time and energy we do on traditional extracurricular activities teaching them:

- To stand up for what they believe in.
- To be resilient when life knocks them down.
- To practice gratitude for all things.



We'll raise happy, strong children who will thrive in today's world! So, read on as I share some fun, easy ways to incorporate character education into your homeschool days. Are you ready to raise some world-changers? Let's dive in!

HERE'S A LIST OF 12 VALUES EVERY CHILD SHOULD LEARN AND PRACTICE:

1. Kindness
2. Gratitude
3. Self-control
4. Empathy
5. Love
6. Independence
7. Resilience
8. Courage
9. Imagination
10. Friendship
11. Confidence
12. Patience

You can start teaching these values as young as four years old. Don't believe a four-year-old can learn resilience? Think again! Our kiddos can understand complex ideas at a very young age when we use a very simple formula to teach them values. It's all about stories, thoughtful questions, and hands-on projects.

TEACHING VALUES

Stories + Thoughtful
Questions + Hands-on
Projects = Values Learning

Step 1: Storytime Magic

Start each value lesson with a story that brings the concept to life. Stories are a powerful way of speaking to children at their level. They identify with the characters, and with the right books, they can learn how to approach difficult situations with grace.

For the younger crew, start with picture books and point out when characters are kind, courageous, or patient. For older children, try chapter books, biographies, or even inspiring news articles.

Step 2: Chat It Up

After the story, it's time to get those little minds working. Ask questions that encourage them to think deeper about the value. **Try something like this:**

- "How did the character show [the value]?"
- "Can you think of a time when you've seen or shown this value in real life?"
- "How could it have turned out differently if they hadn't practiced this value?"
- "What makes it challenging to live out this value sometimes?"

Step 3: Hands-On Fun

Now comes the part where we cement the value – through a fun, hands-on project. This is where they get a chance to practice the value, taking it from introducing an idea to turning it into a habit. Values are skills that have to be practiced just like reading, writing, and arithmetic!

TEACHING VALUES

Making It a Regular Thing (Without Losing Your Mind)

1. Schedule regular "values time":

Maybe it's "Wise Wednesday" or "Character-Building Friday" – make it a special part of your week.

2. Create a values-based reward system:

Catch your kids being awesome and celebrate it!

3. Sneak values into other subjects:

History, literature, and current events are goldmines for value-rich discussions.



4. Follow their interests:

If your kid is obsessed with dinosaurs, find ways to connect values to prehistoric times. "How do you think T-Rex could have shown more empathy?"

Remember, teaching values is a marathon, not a sprint. The beautiful thing is, as we guide our kids in these values, we grow right alongside them. You'll start to notice something wonderful happening in your home as you all work together to learn and practice values.



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KEEPING THE LITTLE ONES
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By Terri Johnson
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JUGGLING ACTS

Hey there, fellow superhero moms! If you're anything like me, you've embarked on the wild adventure of homeschooling with a mix of excitement and a dash of trepidation. We're diving headfirst into the magical world of keeping our younger bundles of joy happily engaged while we rock the homeschooling game.

So, grab your coffee (or that sneaky piece of chocolate) and let's dive into some creative and effective activity ideas that strike the perfect balance.

PRIORITIZE QUALITY TIME

Dedicate individual time to your children before starting lessons. Showering attention before the teaching begins can extend their independent playtime. Reading to your older child while having the younger one on your lap allows them both to feel included.



INVOLVE YOUNGER CHILDREN

Young children love to help! Instead of simply entertaining them, give them a job to do. It makes them feel important, teaches responsibility, and also lightens your load just a little. I like to buy a little broom and dust pan from the Dollar Tree, so my preschooler can “clean” the house. Another one of my favorite tasks is sorting socks out of the clean laundry. Sorting is not only life skills but teaching math skills, too!

CRAFT COLLABORATION

Integrate your older child's lessons with the younger one's playtime. Choose simple craft projects related to the older sibling's subjects, allowing the younger child to participate and learn.





JUGGLING ACTS

PREPARED ACTIVITIES

Be mentally prepared and gather various engaging activities. Maintaining a calm demeanor while handling interruptions sets a powerful example. Preparedness minimizes stress, so keep a variety of calming activities handy, like busy bins or bags.

STRUCTURED SCHEDULE

Create a consistent schedule for your younger child, fostering predictability and control, which reduces behavior issues. Allow them to participate in tasks, promoting a sense of responsibility and accomplishment.

ENGAGING ACTIVITIES

Offer tasks that make younger children feel important and aid their development. Tasks like "cleaning" with a small broom or sorting laundry teach valuable skills while keeping them occupied.

DIVERSE ACTIVITIES

Employ activities such as Play-Doh, lacing cereal, and building with large Legos. Books, bubbles, finger paints, and sensory play like a DIY paint setup are also fantastic options.





JUGGLING ACTS

EMBRACE YOUR ROLE

Homeschooling with younger children requires creativity, patience, and flexibility.

By blending learning and engaging activities, you can strike a balance that benefits both age groups.

Remember, you're not alone – a tribe of parents have weathered this journey before.

Homeschooling with younger children requires creativity, patience, and flexibility. You're a homeschooling hero, and your children are fortunate to have you!

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Take the day off!

You just take the day off! Who has time for guilt or crumby days?! Put it down and go do something everyone loves to do. Go rest. Be a better mom by taking care of you.

Tiffany Lynn

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FATHERS AND HOMESCHOOLING

By Tiffany Campo | Mindful Mama Matrix

In the world of homeschooling, mothers often find themselves taking on the primary role as teacher and caregiver.

The solution to these challenges lies in actively involving fathers in the homeschooling experience, moving beyond a mere oversight or approval role.

Engaging fathers in a hands-on manner transforms them into better partners and provides children with a more well-rounded education.



FATHERS & HOMESCHOOLING

In our family, my husband has been a great example of this collaborative effort, actively participating in our homeschooling and unschooling journey with our 10, 5, and 2-year-old children right from the beginning.

Homeschooling involves a dual role of being both a parent and a teacher. Fathers, as my husband exemplifies, bring unique skills that complement those of mothers.

They provide strength, order, structure, and foundational values, fostering an environment where children can grow with confidence in their identity.

FATHERS & HOMESCHOOLING

PROMOTING COGNITIVE & EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

His involvement gives our kids a sense of identity that promotes positive cognitive and emotional development.

His involvement goes beyond traditional school subjects. After work, my husband often engages in meaningful projects with the children, incorporating his hobbies like building a greenhouse or constructing a chicken coop.

In addition to these aspects, my husband organizes enriching field trips to museums, plays, and concerts, broadening our children's exposure to various experiences.

STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS

My husband's active involvement not only enhances academic and emotional experiences of our children through homeschooling, but also strengthens our partnership.

It has enabled him in understanding of all the details involved not just in parenting our children but also in being their teacher.

This not only ensures a consistent learning environment but also allows me the breaks needed for recovery.





FATHERS & HOMESCHOOLING

This shared responsibility of teaching and parenting has not only strengthened our communication and teamwork but has created a more harmonious atmosphere within our homeschooling routine.

Our common goals and love for our children has been the backbone of their education. When asked "How do [I] do it all?" ... "My husband, Joseph" is often my response.

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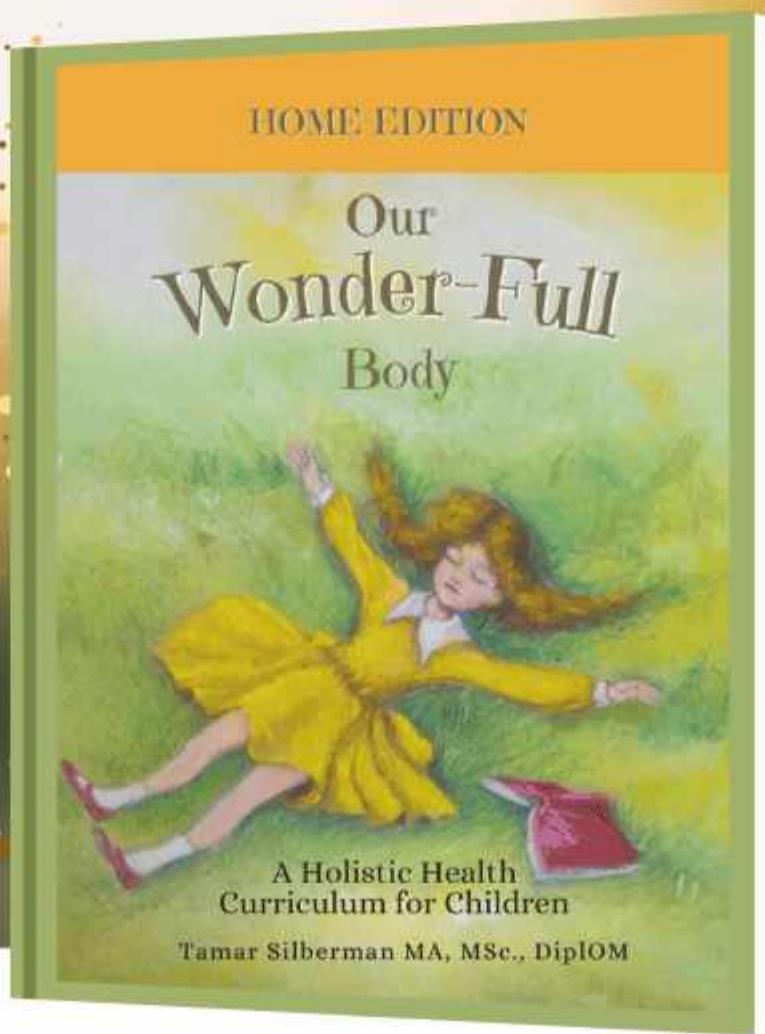


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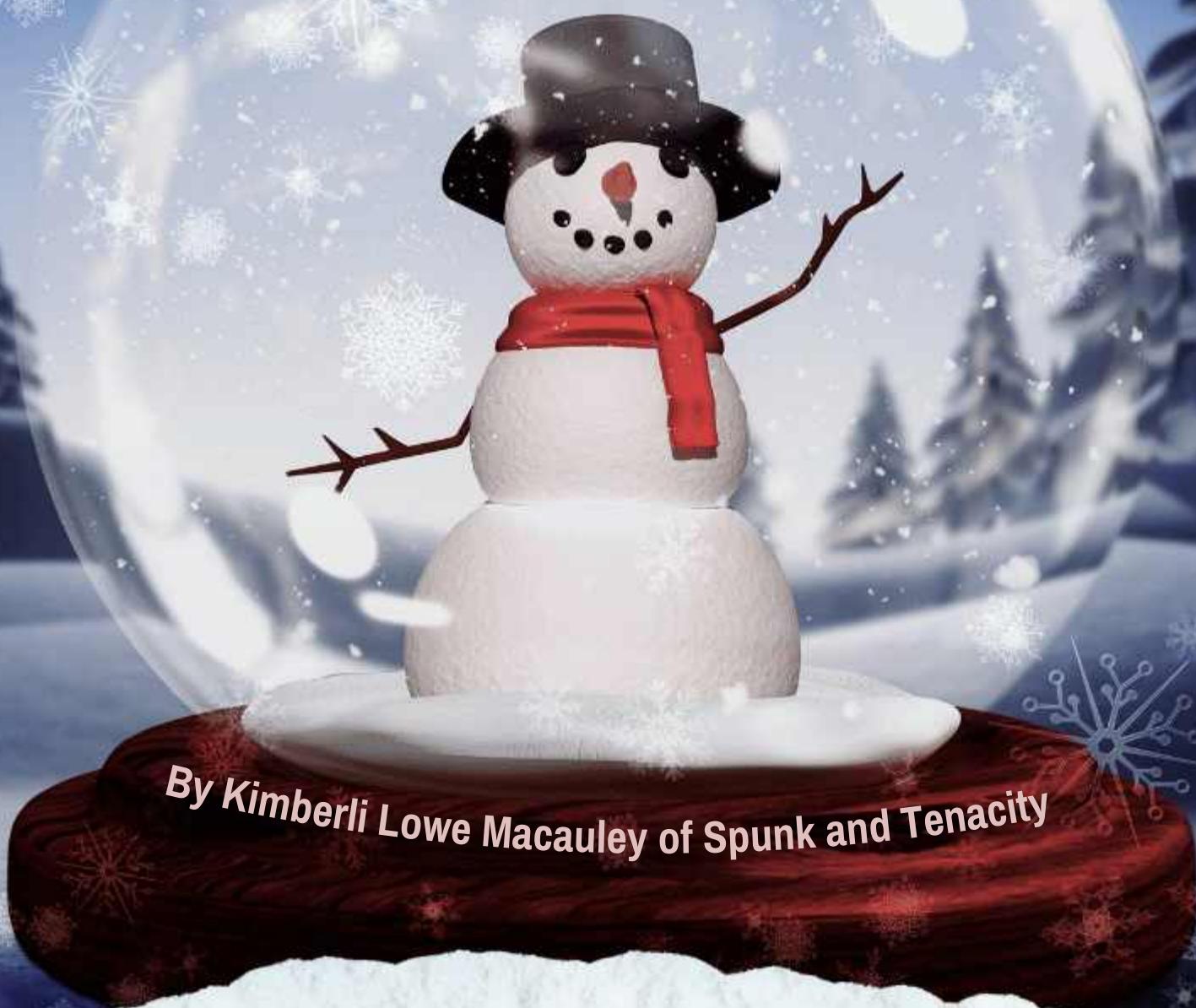
They'll Learn

I looked up statistics where my daughter lives - only 25% of the kids know math and 25% know how to read in the entire elementary school. I was SHOCKED. That's enough for me. Give yourself grace because even on the weeks you can't school them - they are still learning more with you than at public schools. Put on YouTube educational shows. They'll learn.

Kelly Bibey

HOMESCHOOL MOM

Homeschool During The Holidays



By Kimberli Lowe Macauley of Spunk and Tenacity

Let's face it, homeschooling during the holidays can feel like navigating a festive obstacle course.

You've got twinkling lights, family gatherings, and all sorts of holiday excitement vying for your attention. Suddenly, getting your kids to focus on their lessons seems as easy as herding cats.



*'tis the
season*

Did you notice your kids' eyes glaze over during math this morning? No? It's coming. Your little darlings are turning into feral little elves long before the 25th as sensory overload hits.

And let's be real. It's not just them. You're also finding it hard to maintain the usual teaching rhythm with so much holiday cheer on your to-do list.

But here's the deal: It doesn't have to be that hard. Yes. Homeschool during the holidays can be a beast if you let it get out of control. But if you can get ahead of the holiday challenges and you've got about 98% of your struggle smoothed out.

Armed with a bit of planning and creativity, you're all set to keep your homeschool engaged, joyful, and relaxed.

Balance Fun And Learning

When it comes to homeschooling during the holidays, think of it as blending peppermint into your hot cocoa—it's all about finding that sweet spot.

There's no right or wrong answer here, and the way you blend the holidays into your learning will depend on your children's ages, interests, and attention spans.

Plan Themed Learning Days

Ever tried a 'North Pole Day' where math involves counting Santa's reindeer or geography is all about mapping Santa's flight? It's not just fun, it's educational!

Have you explored the Science of Santa? If he travels against the Earth's rotation does that give him more or less time before the sun comes up? What about the other animals of the Arctic?

Dive into a comparison study of the Arctic vs the Antarctic. Complete with art projects, Earth Science, and more. How about creating a fun hot cocoa bar that you sell to stuffed animals or relatives. Your kids will practice math, language arts, and creative thinking.

Crafts, Unit Studies, & Projects

Holidays are perfect for hands-on activities. From making ornaments to holiday-themed science experiments and art projects, these projects keep learning lively and festive.

Depending on your state requirements, can you adjust to a bit more gentle approach? Whether it's Santa, grandparents, or a distant penpal, use writing letters for your composition.



Homeschool During The Holidays



Don't Start From Scratch
Keep things light, engaging,
and relevant.



Set Daily Goals
A small daily goal can keep
the learning momentum
going.



Prioritize & Simplify
Prioritize what's most
important to you and your
family.



Self-Care For Everyone
Remember, you can't pour
from an empty cup.

Crafts, Unit Studies, & Projects

It's easy to push aside the science and art and history lessons during the normal routines when basics always seem to take more effort than expected. Maybe this season you set aside the basics one or two days a week to focus on the electives. Easy win for keeping the kids engaged.

For example, you can dive deep into learning about reindeer. But change that worksheet into an art lesson on the Parts of a Reindeer, an Arctic-themed dramatic play or sensory bin for younger siblings, and some non-fiction reading about Caribou. So many rabbit trails to follow from there.

Story Time With A Twist

How about reading holiday classics and then having your kids write their own endings? This sparks creativity and hones writing skills. They can write letters to the characters or create literature-based art projects.

Does your curriculum have a lesson on multiplication coming up? Can you utilize ornaments on the tree? Or tinsel? (So pretty, but so messy!)

Read more on our website!

Incorporating these tips can help make your holiday season more enjoyable and less stressful, allowing you and your family to focus on what truly matters - spending quality time together and making beautiful memories.

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Reconnect with your “why”

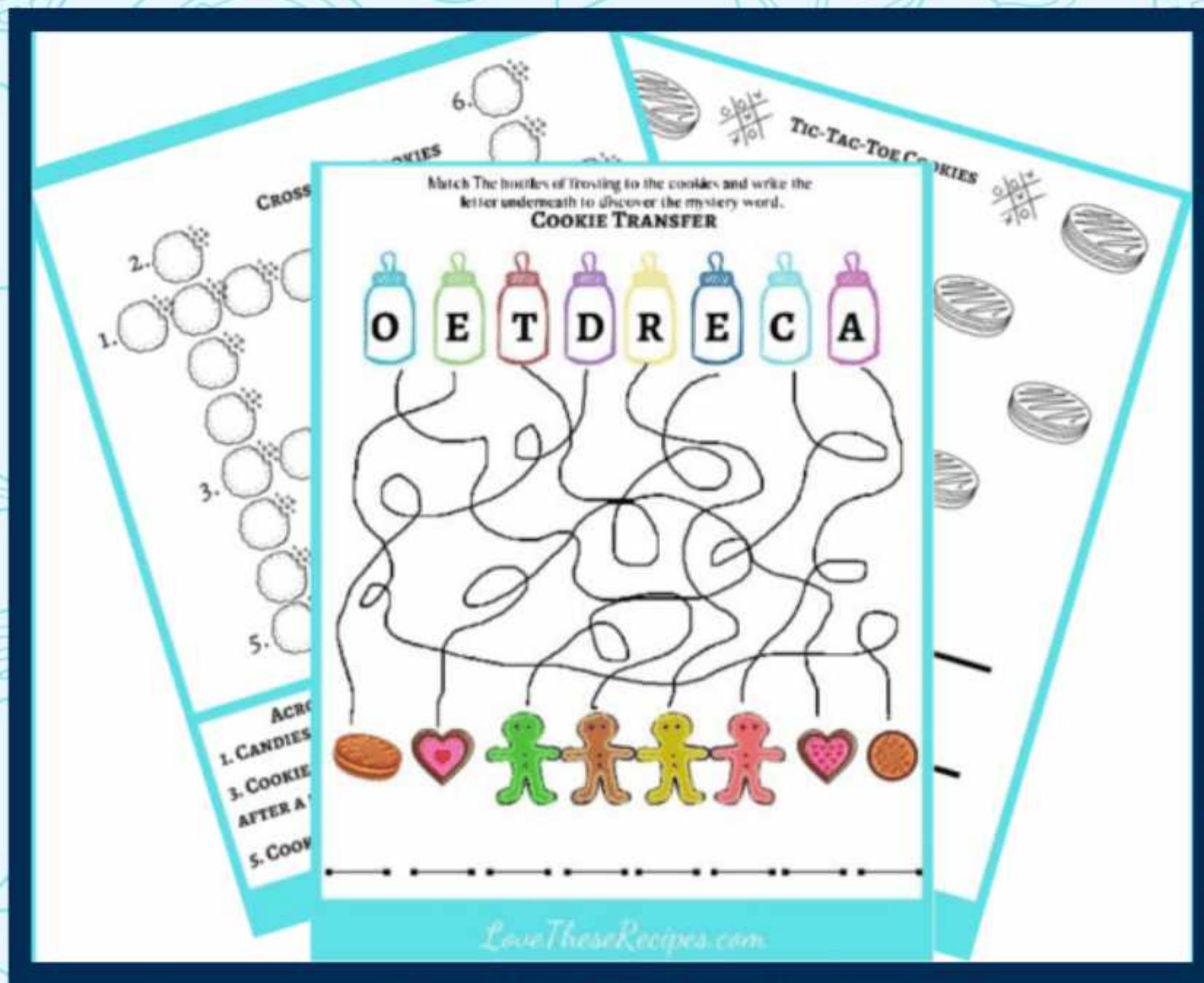
I try to reconnect with my kids by going outside and playing in nature with them. I can see the joy on their faces and it helps me remember how lucky I am to get to spend so much time with them. A lot of my guilt comes from this irrational fear that I’m not doing enough and somehow my kids are “behind” or missing out on something that I can’t offer them. In reality my kids are happy and healthy and learning and growing by leaps and bounds.

Elizabeth Mary

HOMESCHOOL MOM

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A Season to Write!

High School - A Season to Write: Holiday Reflection Prompts

1. Thanksgiving (Dinner): Write a narrative about a Thanksgiving dinner that includes stories of your family's history, traditions, and special items. Include reflections on the meaning of the holiday.

2. Thanksgiving (Decor): Write a narrative about the decorations you put up for Thanksgiving. Describe the process of creating the decorations and the overall atmosphere of the season.

3. Thanksgiving (Food): Write a narrative about a Thanksgiving meal you prepared or participated in. Describe the taste, texture, and smell of the food, and the memories and traditions associated with it.

4. Thanksgiving (Program): Write a narrative about a Thanksgiving program you attended. Describe the performances, the atmosphere, and the overall experience of the event.

High School ELA - A Season to Write: Holiday Reflection Prompts

Note-Taking Sheets

Holiday Reflection Prompts Bundle

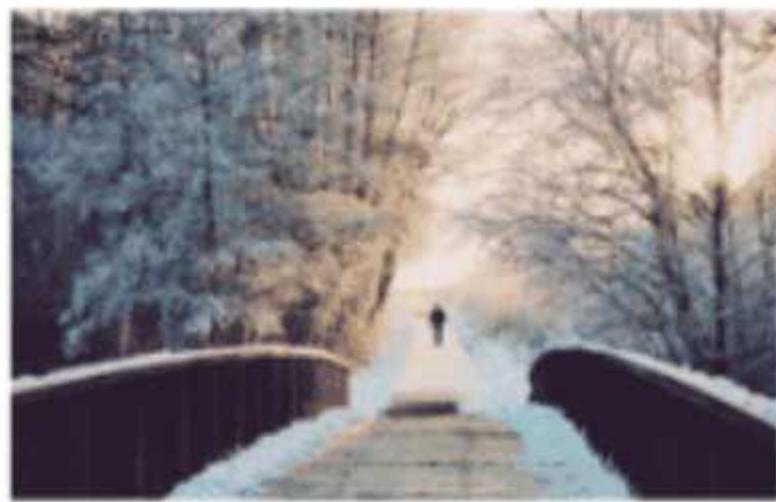
As a homeschool mom teaching a 9th grader, I know how meaningful it is when writing connects to real experiences. A Season to Write: Holiday Reflection Prompts Bundle was born from my desire to help students/homeschoolers think deeply about the holidays we celebrate while growing their writing skills.

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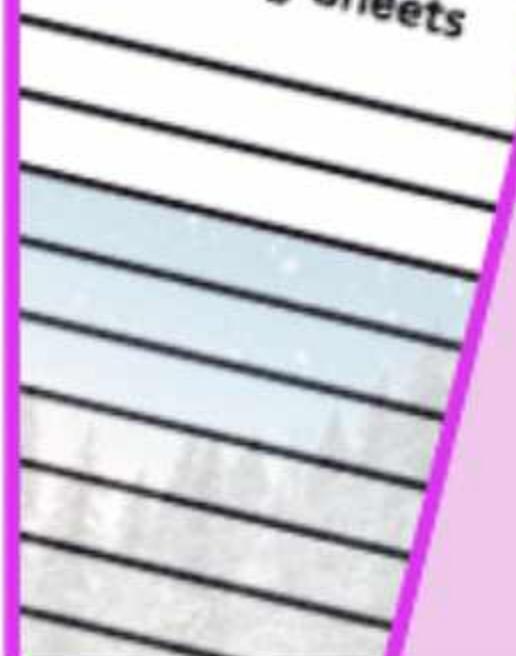
- 1. Analyze how a specific piece of winter sculpture uses composition, color, and humanity's relationship with nature.
- 2. Argue whether the literary work's conflict, an internal psychological decline. Support your claim with textual evidence.
- 3. Evaluate the ethical responsibilities of extreme winter hunting. Summarize, and personal narrative.
- 4. Evaluate the concept of "hygge" against its potential as a social disorder or social indicator. Different perspectives.
- 5. Compare an argumentative pattern in environmentalism to different.
- 6. Analyze a winter-themed text. Evaluate its theme and emotional states.



50 High School Winter-Themed Writing Prompts



Note-Taking Sheets



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As a homeschool mom of a high schooler, I know how tricky it can be to keep writing fresh, challenging, and engaging during the colder months. That is why I created 50 High School ELA Winter-Themed Writing Prompts—a resource designed to help teens think deeply and write meaningfully about the season of winter in all its complexity.

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FROM A HOMESCHOOL MOM:

Why I Chose To Homeschool!

By Kiera Yore of Let's Get Healed

As a parent, choosing the best educational route is a very important decision. I wanted my child to be around other children who would aid in their social development.

After only a few years in elementary school, there were a few different reasons that led me and my family to want to peruse a path towards homeschooling.

Why I Chose To Homeschool!



1. FLEXIBILITY:

Homeschooling provides more of a flexibility to both the student and parent, letting you set your own schedule.

2. BUSY LIFESTYLE

As a mom who runs her own business and was constantly on the go, homeschooling adapts to your lifestyle!

3. CHILD-LED:

I wanted to focus more on my child's strengths and weakness, which helped dedicate more time to the subjects that they found most challenging.

4. PERSONALIZED CURRICULUM:

I believe a parent is a child's first teacher and homeschooling gave me more control as a parent.

5. LOVE FOR LEARNING

Homeschooling is a great opportunity to provide my kids with the patience and knowledge that they need to be successful.

6. DAILY & WEEKLY SCHEDULES

If you start by prioritizing their daily schedule, homeschooling is not as hard as it may seem. I recommend having a weekly agenda to help keep you and your homeschoolers stay on track.

Why I Chose To Homeschool!

7. CURRICULUM:

You can find curriculum online or make your own homeschool curriculum for all of the subjects and assignments that you and your homeschoolers will learn throughout a school year.

8. TAILORED LEARNING:

Homeschooling can be enriching in many ways because of its customized education that allows parents to create a curriculum that is tailored to their child's unique learning style and interests.

9. REDUCES STRESS:

Homeschooling has been shown to reduce stress because a home environment can be comfortable, and provide more quiet space.

10. INCORPORATING LIFESTYLE:

Then there are things like learning on the go for the busy parents who want to expose their children to their entrepreneur lifestyle.

11. PURSUING THEIR INTERESTS:

Homeschooling can provide more time and flexibility for children to pursue their interests and hobbies and protect them from bullying and peer pressure, while encouraging real-world experiences such as incorporating nature-based education.

12. NURTURING ADULTHOOD:

Homeschooling is nurturing to not only the parent but also your child. Homeschooling can also be nourishing in many ways, including helping your children develop a sense of independence and self-reliance, which can help them manage their time, set goals, and persist through challenges.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR HOMESCHOOL PARENTS:

REMEMBER THE LONG TERM:

The days may be long, but the years are short.

PRIORITIZE RELATIONSHIPS:

Put your relationship with your child before the curriculum.

TAKE BREAKS:

If you or your child are having a rough day, take a break and do something different.



OPPORTUNITIES EVERYWHERE:

Every environment is a chance to learn, including everyday life.

DON'T COMPARE:

Don't compare your child's education to others.

LET CHILDREN PLAY:

Children learn when they play, so let them play when you can.

SPEND TIME OUTDOORS:

Take advantage of opportunities to spend time outdoors.

REMEMBER YOU ARE ENOUGH:

You are a committed and determined educator, don't forget it!

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Having a hard day?

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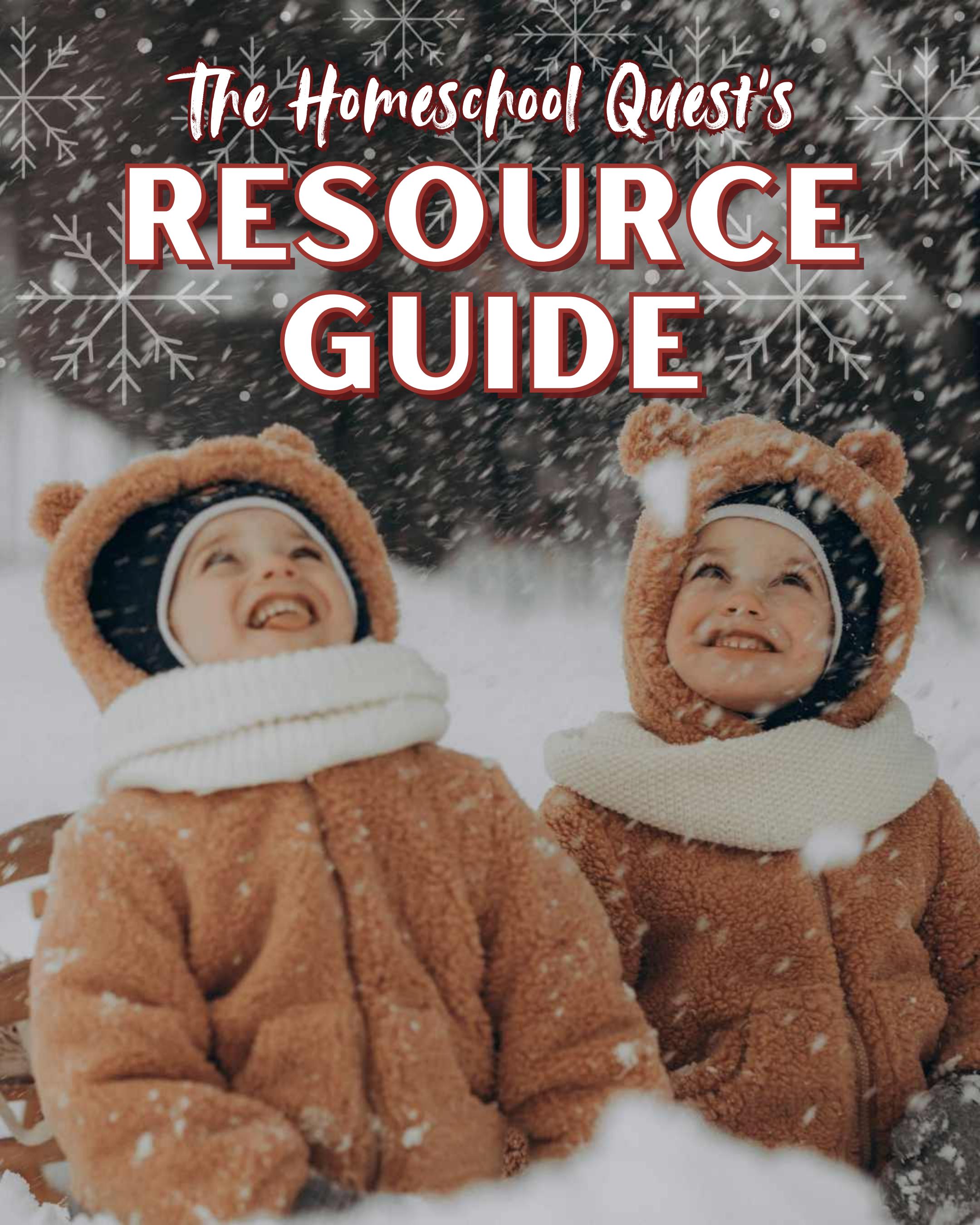
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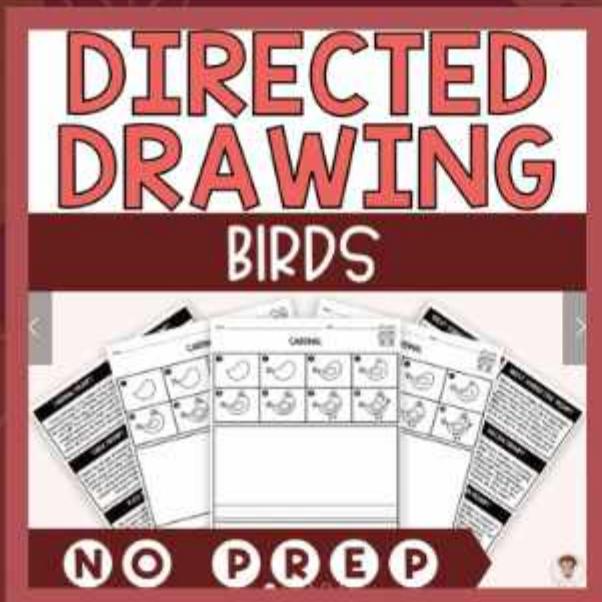
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Mom guilt?

I look up statistic of the public school and remember even at our worst, at least my kids can read and do math. Plus we usually get to some science and social studies, when I talk to teachers they say they hardly ever get to do that stuff.

Stacie Porter

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Take a chill day

Some days, that means we're doing a chill day and just being together. Some days, it means spending longer at the park with friends. Some days, it means lots of tears and fighting. Some days, it means doing a craft. Some days, it means just listening to a podcast or I read a book. And some days, it's making a card for someone is enough for English and making a recipe is enough for math.

Kimberly Bailey

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Gamify your homeschool!

Let them do learning games online, watch a learning movie/documentary, go on a free/easy field trip or to a playground. It's okay to close the books and just learn through fun!

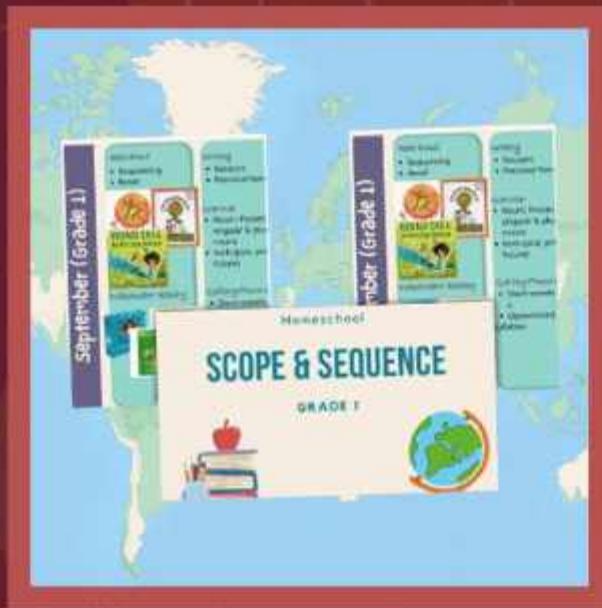
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Rainy day tip

I stopped and played games or went for walk or bike ride. Had kids make cookies. All still school things but life skills. Paint or do fun art or visit a neighbor and the ideas are endless. If rainy we used to have inside picnics and make inside forts. Yes it made a mess but oh the fun!!

Cheryl Chinn

HOMESCHOOL MOM



Take a breather

Take a break. Breathe.
Relax. When you feel ready
Set up a goal and each day
do 1 thing towards that goal.

Dayna Carrillo

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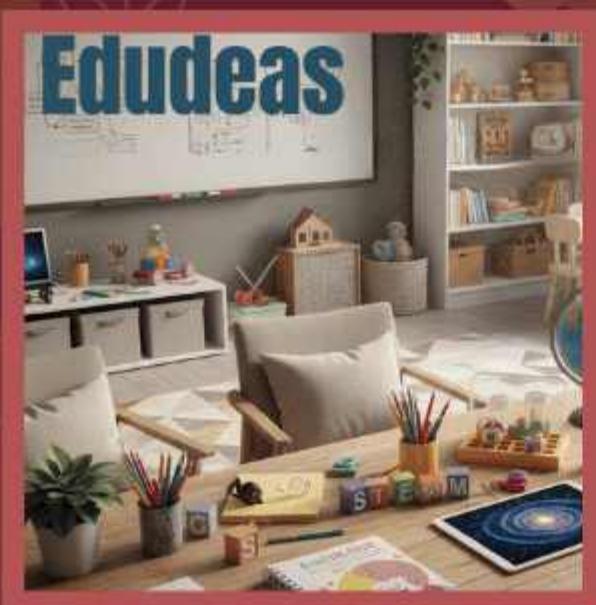
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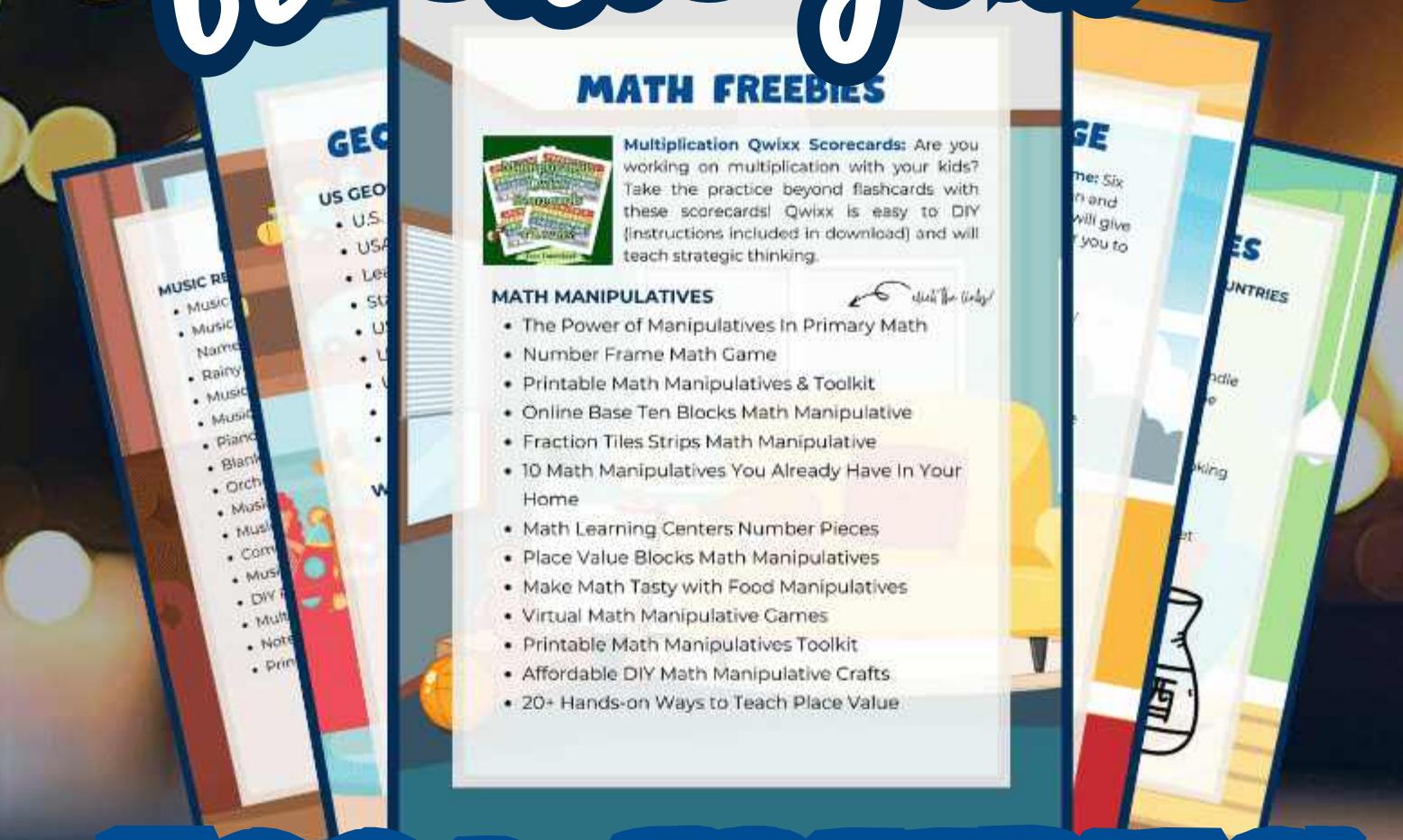


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Hard day hack!

Short school, reading, a documentary and bake something. That's reading, history or science and math.

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Tough day?

Focus on connection those days! I always struggle when I get a step off routine but that's how life goes and what we model, they learn. Teachers have tough days and they put on a movie and dip into their different educational resources that aren't as overwhelming. Kids also take off sick days when they go to school.

Homeschooling has flexibility, take advantage of it and give them a hug

Cacey Harper
HOMESCHOOL MOM



Tough day tip

I take it completely off track. If it's not working out, then its not meant to be. I'll make some popcorn, and we will watch documentaries while we do crafts together. Homeschooling is not easy....

but it doesn't have to be hard!

Katelyn Kerr

HOMESCHOOL MOM

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Our family has spent the last twenty years running a marketing agency and homeschooling from pre-K to high school and beyond. Now we have all teamed up as a family to help homeschooling families around the world find free and affordable resources, curriculum, and more. We are passionate about encouraging homeschool parents that homeschooling on a budget IS possible.