

100 or so Homeschool Resources

PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION

1. Yearly Calendar and Planner: Any brand will do including free printables off the internet. My favorite is from Plum Paper. <https://www.plumpaper.com/shop/category/homeschool-teacher>
2. Cozi Online Family Calendar and App: Keep track and color code every activity and special day. Viewable by all in the family. <https://www.cozi.com>
3. 102 Top Picks for Homeschool Curriculum by Cathy Duffy (2014): Lists and recommendations for 102 great homeschool curriculum.
4. Donna Young Printables and Resources: Tons of forms, report cards, attendance records, course of studies sheets, meal planning, etc. <https://donnayoung.org/index.htm>
5. HSLDA Membership, State Homeschooling Laws, and High School Handbook
6. Academic Records Transcript Service
7. Education.Com Learning Library: Worksheets for every subject in every grade level. Most are free <https://www.education.com>
8. Audible Books and bluetooth headphones
9. Your Morning Basket: Monthly plans for different seasons, grade levels, and historical time periods
10. Kids Connect- printable worksheets for different holidays, subjects, and topics. <https://kidskonnnect.com>
11. Easy Peasy All In One Free Online Curriculum: Lessons plans with links for the entire year for every grade level. <https://allinonehomeschool.com>
12. Enchanted Learning: hundreds of downloadable worksheets, writing and arts activities, storybooks, and reading/ABC activities for K-3rd grade. <https://www.enchantedlearning.com>
13. Carschooling: Over 350 Entertaining Games and Activities to Turn Travel Time into Learning Time by Dianne Flynn Keith.
14. Game Schooling and The Games Curriculum. <https://homeschoolgameschool.com/gameschooling/>
15. Duckster: Free online encyclopedia for kids. Each topic also include crossword puzzles, word searches and quizzes <https://www.ducksters.com>
16. Quizlet- Create personalize flashcards for any subject and grade level. Each set also includes review, games, and tests. <https://quizlet.com>

17. Quia: Online games for any subject, topic, and grade level. <https://www.quia.com/web/studentZoneBegin.html>
18. Sheppards Software Website: games and tutorials for all ages in geography, science, math and art <https://www.sheppardsoftware.com>
19. Kid Friendly cookbook and draw full of mom-approved cooking utensils: Our favorite is The Forest Feast for Kids by Erin Gleeson. It's a huge time saver when kids can make their own breakfast or cook lunch for the entire family.
20. For Small Hands: Toys for Learning/Tools for Life: Everything your toddler needs to be independent.

SUPPLIES

21. Magnetic white boards and dry erase markers
22. Sheet Page Protectors: Insert worksheets your child does for practice each day (maps, handwriting practice, etc). It says on printing.
23. Lots and lots of all kinds of paper- lined, blank, colored, construction, cardstock, origami, craft- you name it! You will need it one day when you least expect it.
24. Desktop printer- Get a quality one so you don't spend an arm and a leg replacing ink all of the time
25. High Quality Pencils - preferably mechanical. No sharpeners needed (You can never find them when you need them)
26. Different sized baskets- one for your teaching guides/planner, one for each child's independent work, one for morning basket supplies, one for general school supplies, one for books borrowed from the library, and a few others for games, books, and catch alls
27. Piles and piles of index cards- lined, blank and colored
28. Space to display art work (and/or educational posters)
29. Play-dough (homemade or store bought), plastic cookie cutters, and Kinetic Sand of all kinds
30. Membership to a zoo, aquarium, art museum, kid's museum, park pass, or something similar. You will want this for planned and spontaneous "let's get out of the house" days
31. Closet full of games (any will do as long as they are age appropriate and engaging)

ENCOURAGEMENT

32. Any book, resource, or podcast by Sally Clarkson
33. The Successful Homeschool Family Handbook by Dr. Raymond Moore
34. The Call of the Wild and Free: Reclaiming Wonder in Your Child's Education by Ainsely Arment
35. The Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder by Richard Louv
36. Ten Ways to Destroy the Imagination of Your Child by Anthony Esolen
37. Teaching From Rest: A Homeschooler's Guide to Unshakable Peace by Sarah Mackenzie
38. Wild+ Free Community and Website: nature study tutorials, conferences, resource bundles, local connections and adventure groups, and print/downloadable magazines with "how to" articles
39. Homeschooling With Dyslexia Website: recommendations, encouragement, and resources
40. Mom to Mom Podcast with Kate Battistelli, September McCarthy, and Jamie Erickson
41. Off the Bench with Heidi St. John Podcast

LANGUAGE ARTS

42. Library Card, local library reserve online service, and friendly librarian
43. Five in A Row (FIAR): Perfect for PreK-3rd grade all in one curriculum
44. Simply Charlotte Mason: Website, videos, and Charlotte Mason inspired curriculum
45. EasyBib.com: Life saver for middle and high schoolers writing and citing research papers.
46. Yearly subscription to Grammarly- shaves months off of time editing papers and helps build independent writers
47. starfall.com - Free online phonics, beginning reading, and numbers for PreK-Kindergarten
<https://www.starfall.com/h/index-kindergarten.php?mg=k>
48. Phonics Pathway by Doloris Hiskes and Explode the Code Series by Nancy Hall for gentle reading instruction and All About Reading Curriculum or Barton Reading and Spelling Method for multi-sensory approach (best for students with reading disabilities)
49. Mad Libs - tons of them
50. School House Rock Videos on Youtube
51. Primary Language Lessons and Intermediate Language Lessons by Emma Serl
52. Daily Grams by Wanda Philips
53. Any kind of ABC flashcards, magnetic letters, and phonogram / digraph letter tiles
54. Wordless Picture Books
55. Scholastic Story Starter Online Game, Writing Prompt websites, and journal writing books
56. Wild and Free Book Club: 28 Activities to Make Books Come Alive by Ainsely Arment

MATHEMATICS

57. Bed Time Math website, app, and daily math challenges. <https://bedtimemath.org>
58. Brick Math: curriculum, actives, and units to use to teach math with Legos. <https://www.brickmathseries.com>
59. Kid's Magnetic Building Blocks and Tiles- keeps little ones occupied
60. Deck of Cards and tons of polyhedra dice
61. Bins of Legos and building blocks
62. Sir Cumference Picture Book Series by Cindy Neuschwander
63. Pigs Will Be Pigs Book Series by Amy Axlerod
64. Count Your Way through Series by
65. Warlord's Series by Virginia Pilegrard
66. Any Math Picture book by Marilyn Burns. Start with \$1.00 Word Riddle Book

****See note about Math Curriculum Recommendations.****

ART & MUSIC

67. Let's Make Art: Free watercolor tutorials and inexpensive watercolor "how to" kits
68. Meet the Masters Homeschool Version: A mix of art techniques and art history
69. Draw Write Now Series by Maria Hablitzel & Draw and Write Through History by Carylee Gressman
70. Chalk Art Video Instruction : A Hodgepodge of simple video art lessons from seasonal art lessons to sharks to American landmarks and the far reaches of space using pastels and chalk.
71. Wild and Free Handcrafts: 32 Activities to Build Confidence, Creativity, and Skill by Ainsley Arment
72. Come Look With Me Book Series by Gladys Blizzard
73. James Mayhew Katie Series
74. Anholt's Artists Book Series for Kids
75. Smart About Art book Series by Joan Holub
76. Classics for Kids Website: Full of composer bios, music theory and games, and classical pieces
77. Lord of Chords Music Theory Game: An entire year of music theory can be taught just with this game!
78. Music Theory. Net: If your child is learning how to play any instrument or learning to read sheet music, this website is a life saver!

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

79. Window on the World: An Operation World Prayer Resource by Molly Wall
80. Top Secret Adventures by Highlight: Monthly subscription which focuses on a particular country each month. It is by Highlight so tons of puzzles and riddles included each week as the reader tries to solve a mystery in each country.
81. Little Passports: Monthly subscription for little ones
82. My Father's World: Exploring Countries and Cultures: 36 Week Unit integrating bible, language arts, science, art, history and music
83. A good globe
84. Beautiful Feet books and unit studies: History through Literature
85. Children's Atlas of the God's World by Craig Froman
86. Kids Travel Book: A Journey Through Every Country in the World by Lonely Planet Kids
87. Ancient World: Usborne World History Series by Fiona Chandler
88. Medieval World: Usborne World History Series by Jane Bingham
89. Duckster: Free online encyclopedia for kids. Each topic also include crossword puzzles, word searches and quizzes <https://www.ducksters.com>
90. World Map Blank and Printables: Great for map work, coloring sheets, labeling, and memorizing.
91. Who Is / Who Was Biography Series for Kids by Roberta Edwards

SCIENCE

92. Homeschool Science Tools: website and online store for science kits, dissection specimens, and science equipment. <https://www.homesciencetools.com>
93. Picture This (or iNaturalist) App- Take a picture of any tree, flower, or leaf, and answer those "what is it? Questions while on your walk or hike.
94. Animal Encyclopedia: Usborne and DK are my favorites
95. Indescribable: 100 Devotions for Kids About God and Science (series) by Louie Giglio
96. Wild and Free Nature: 25 Outdoor Adventures for Kids to Explore, Discover, and Awaken their Curiosity by Ainsley Arment
97. Nature anatomy series by Julia Rothman

SURVIVAL

98. Personal Bible and Bible for Family Devotions: DK Illustrated Family Bible or The Child's Story Bible by Catherine Vos
99. Pots and Pans of good coffee and homeschooling themed coffee mugs: Her Hearts Company has the best coffee mugs and apparel: <https://herheartsco.com/>
100. AND FINALLY, MY Book and Podcast
Just Breathe (and Take a Sip of Coffee): Homeschool in Step with God by Carrie De Francisco (2020)
Coffee With Carrie Homeschool Podcast

** I do not recommend math curriculum because it really depends on your child's learning style and your budget.** My favorites:

Saxon, Teaching Textbooks, Math-U-See, Life with Fred, and Mathematical Reasoning (from Critical Thinking Publishers)