

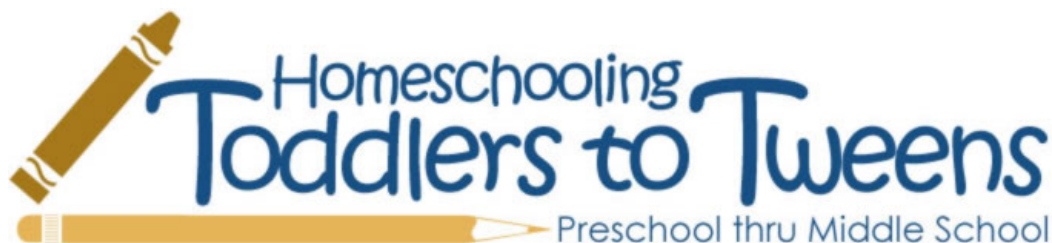
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**SUGGESTED RESOURCES**

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CHOOSING CURRICULUM*(includes Teaching Approaches)*

- [Cathy Duffy Reviews](#)
Articles and reviews of books Cathy believes are important for those interested in homeschooling, education, and related political and spiritual issues.
- ["Classical Education"](#)—*Home School Heartbeat* interview with Leigh Bortins
- ["Common Teaching Approaches"](#) (article)
- ["What is Classical Education?"](#) by Susan Wise Bauer (article)
- [The Curriculum Choice](#)—Group of veteran homeschool bloggers join for one mission: to spread the word about their favorite curricula in order to help you make informed decisions for your homeschool. Their methods and philosophies vary, so you will find curriculum reviews for a wide spectrum of materials.
- [Custom homeschool curriculum site](#) (look up materials by subject or by learning style)
- "Ten Rules of Thumb for Choosing Teaching Material" by Chris and Ellyn Davis
- [100 Top Picks for Homeschool Curriculum](#) by Cathy Duffy (curriculum reviews)
- [Choosing and Using Curriculum](#) by Joyce Herzog
- [What Your Child Needs to Know When](#) by Robin Sampson. Grade-by-grade skills checklists for K-8th in major subject areas.
- [The Heart of Wisdom Teaching Approach](#) by Robin Sampson
- [Charlotte Mason Education: A Home Schooling How-To Manual](#) by Catherine Levison
- [Educating the WholeHearted Child](#) by Clay and Sally Clarkson
- [The Three R's: Grades K-3](#) by Ruth Beechick
- [The Well-Trained Mind](#) by Jessie Wise and Susan Wise Bauer (classical)
- [Teaching the Trivium](#) by Harvey and Laurie Bluedorn
- [Christian Unschooling](#) by Teri Brown and Elissa Wahl
- [Unit Studies Made Easy](#) by Valerie Bendt

- [“What Should I Be Teaching?”](#) by Vicki Bentley
- [Easy Homeschooling Curriculum](#) by Lorraine Curry
- [“Homeschooling on a Shoestring”](#)
- [“What Does it Cost to Homeschool?”](#)
- [What about Virtual Charter Schools?](#)
- [“Navigating the Used Curriculum Route”](#) By Vicki Bentley

Also see Early Years page: [Curriculum Resources](#)

CURRICULUM & BOOKSELLER CATALOG

The following resources are listed as a springboard for your research into curriculum choices. The list is not exhaustive by any means, and inclusion or deletion of an item should not necessarily be construed to be an HSLDA endorsement or censorship of any resource. Some materials carried below may not be written from your family's worldview so, as always, parents are encouraged to use discernment in selecting materials appropriate for your family's needs.

Also see Early Years page: [Curriculum Resources](#)

- [A Beka Books](#)
P.O. Box 19100
Pensacola FL 32523-9100
1-800-874-2352
Textbooks and workbooks designed for and used in many Christian private schools across the country. Comprehensive program. Also available as correspondence or video school.
- [Alpha Omega Publications](#)
1-800-622-3070
Publishers of the popular LifePacs; Switched-On Schoolhouse (CD-ROM), (SOS online), A/O Academy correspondence program, A/O On-Line Academy. Weaver and Horizons curricula. Diagnostic and placement tests.
- [American Homeschool Publishing](#)
1-800-684-2121
Resources for K-12 classical education.
- [Audio Memory](#)
1-800-365-SING (7464)
- [Beautiful Feet Books](#)
1-800-889-1978
Publisher of History Through Literature Approach study guides and timelines.
- [Bluestocking Press](#)
1-530-622-8586
Historical documents, books, music, toys, and tapes. Publisher of the Uncle Eric books.
- [BJU Press Homeschool](#)
Greenville SC 29614
1-800-845-5731
Well-known and respected publisher of textbooks/workbooks used in homeschools and private Christian schools across the country. BJU Press Homeschool also offers distance learning options via online, DVD, and hard drive delivery methods.
- [Builder Books](#)
1-800-260-5461
- [Cadron Creek Christian Curriculum](#)
505-534-1496
A catalog of unit studies such as *The Prairie Primer* and *Further Up and Further In*, as well as other quality resources.
- [CBD Home School](#)
P.O. Box 7000,
Peabody MA 01961-7000
(978-977-5005)
Department of Christian Book Distributors. Nice variety, colorful catalog, discount prices.
- [Charlotte Mason Research Company](#)
P.O. Box 296
Quarryville, PA 17566
Karen and Dean Andreola have revived and interpreted this approach.
- [Children's Books](#)
1-800-344-3198
Large selection of good “living” books, most discounted.
- [Christ-Centered Curriculum](#)
1-800-778-4318
Sells a complete phonics program plus math for early childhood and mid-elementary grades. Bible appears throughout the phonics and math materials.
- [Christian Liberty Academy Publishers](#)
502 W. Euclid Ave.
Arlington Heights IL 60004

1-800-348-0899

Actual on-campus private school offering several satellite school options, including full-service correspondence school as well as family-administrated curriculum package; individual courses now also available. [Christian Liberty Press](#), their publishing branch, offers discounted resources and curricular materials.

- [Common Sense Press](#)
1-352-475-5757
Carries *Learning Language Art Through Literature*, *Great Editing Adventure* series, math, science, and unit study material.
- [Cornerstone Curriculum Project](#)
1-972-235-5149
David Quine's music, science, math, and worldview curricula.
- [Cross-Over Educational Products](#)
1-970-385-1809
Carries *Snapshot Typing* and *Quick Piano*.
- [Diana Waring—History Alive!](#)
1-425-397-0631
History tapes and books to make history come alive, as well as *Beyond Survival* and *Reaping the Harvest*. Diana stresses activities for all learning styles and teaching approaches.
- [Dorling Kindersley](#)
1-800-788-6262
Colorful, high-quality, educational books.
- [Dover Publications](#)
31 East 2nd Street
Mineola, NY 11501-3852
Informative, detailed coloring books and paper projects covering many subjects.
- [Eagle's Wings Educational Materials](#)
1-580-252-1555
Building a solid foundation in math, phonics, and science.
- [Education Plus+](#)
1-864-286-6492
Inge Cannon's resources on child development from a Christian perspective and *Mentoring Your Teen: Charting the Course to Successful Adulthood*, as well as transcript and recordkeeping helps.
- [Elijah Company](#)
1053 Eldridge Loop
Crossville TN 38571
(1-888-2ELIJAH)
Lots of resources and articles. Free counseling site with moderators and bulletin board.
- [Essential Learning Products](#)
800-357-3570
- [Farm Country General Store](#)
731 North Fork Road
Metamora IL 61548
1-309-367-2844
Well-rounded, helpful book lists. Includes many healthy living resources.
- [Foundation for American Christian Educations](#)
800-352-3223
Information and products for the *Principle Approach* to home education and the *Noah Plan* (pre-school to adult).
- [Greenleaf Press](#)
3761 Highway 109N
Unit D, Lebanon TN 37087
1-615-449-1617
Guaranteed 100% Twaddle-Free! Resources for history, literature, art, music and nature study. Useful just for the book lists! Has several informative articles within the pages, as well as detailed descriptions of items.
- [Harcourt Publishing Company](#)
800-531-5015
Carries full line of K-adult educational material
- [Heart of Dakota](#)
1004 Westview Drive
Dell Rapids, SD 57022
605-428-4068
Christ-centered homeschool curricula that is easy to use, flexible, and can also be used with multiple ages at the same time. For preschool through junior high. Flagship product is Drawn into the Heart of Reading, a multi-level reading program that you can use with any books you choose.
- [Heart Of Wisdom](#)
Info and resources for a multi-level teaching approach using a combination of methods, based on God's world and God's Word
- [Hewitt Homeschooling Resources](#)
800-348-1750
A pioneer in the homeschool movement, Hewitt provides books, testing, and teacher services. Hewitt carries their own line of unit studies for the early grades (PreK-2). Hewitt also offers free, for individual families, online Learning objectives for grades K-8.

- **His Publishing Company**
P.O. Box 1159
Plymouth, NY 13832
Specializing in unit study materials
- **[Homeschool Buyers Co-Op](#)**
The world's largest purchasing cooperative for homeschoolers. Co-op members get deep discounts on their homeschool curriculum. Membership is free.
- **[Home School Resource Center](#)**
P.O. Box 67, Palmyra PA 17078
1-800-937-6311
Owned by Debra Bell, author of *The Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling*. Resources for creative homeschooling.
- **[Institute for Excellence in Writing](#)**
Designed to provide your student with the critical skills of thinking and communicating through writing, Andrew Pudewa's award-winning writing program engages a wide range of ages and aptitudes and is guaranteed to work—or your money back.
- **[Keepers of the Faith](#)**
906-663-6881
Conservative books; Keepers at Home and Contenders for the Faith clubs, which are locally-based Christian children's groups similar in concept to scout organizations.
- **[Lamp Post Homeschool Store](#)**
Homeschool-run Lamp Post Homeschool Store offers curriculum with a Christian perspective. Online shopping, product information, and encouraging articles about homeschooling.
- **[Learning Parent](#)**
434-845-8345
Rick and Marilyn Boyer's books, tapes, and personal picks for Christ-centered, family-based education. Focus on character training. Socialization info, too!
- **[Lifetime Books and Gifts' The Always Incomplete Catalog](#)**
1-800-377-0390
\$5 Catalog/supplement contain over 390 pages of personal reviews, lots of helpful information on the various subject areas; extensive book lists. Lots of hard-to-find items.
- **[Mott Media](#)**
800-421-6645
Biographies, reprints of 19th-century textbooks, plus books written by Dr. Ruth Beechick.
- **[My Father's World](#)**
573-426-4600
Multi-age unit studies for preschool through high school.
- **[Rainbow Resource Center](#)**
Route 1 Box 159A, 50 N 500 East Road
Toulon IL 61483 (1-309-695-3200)
400+ pages of resources for all different home education styles.
- **[Scholastic Books](#)**
- **[Shekinah Curriculum Cellar](#)**
1-903-643-2760
- **[Sonlight Curriculum](#)**
8042 South Grant Way
Littleton CO 80122-2705
1-303-730-6292
Comprehensive, interrelated, literature-based studies; includes all necessary supplies and books (including science supplies).
- **[The Sycamore Tree](#)**
1-714-668-1343
Carries a variety of books and resources.
- **[Tapestry of Grace](#)**
1-800-705-7487
Multi-level, unit study approach in a classical education framework.
- **[Timberdoodle](#)**
1510 E Spencer Lake Road
Shelton WA 98584
1-360-426-0672
Proponents of a hands-on, fairly relaxed approach to home education. Lots of fun and real-life-application stuff.
- **[Time4Learning Homeschool Curriculum](#)**
Online curriculum for pre-K to 8th, offering standards-based multimedia lessons in math and language arts. (Science, social studies and art are also included as a bonus in most grades.)
- **[Tobin's Lab](#)**
1-540-937-7173
Science resources, lapbooking resources, and more.
- **[Trivium Pursuit](#)**
1-309-537-3641
The Blueadorns' site for classical education includes many informative articles.

- [Usborne Books](#)
800-475-4522
Colorful, educational books from Great Britain.
- [Veritas Press](#)
800-922-5082
Classical education.
- [Whole Heart Ministries](#)
P.O. Box 3445
Monument, CO 80132
1-719-488-4466
Authors of *Educating the WholeHearted Child* and more. Resources based on the premise that real books and real life are the roads to real learning (based somewhat on the writings of Charlotte Mason and Susan Schaeffer Macaulay).

A DAY IN OUR HOMESCHOOL

- [“A Day in Our House \(middle and high school\)”](#) (article)
- [“A Day in the Life at Hodgepodge”](#) by Tricia Hodges (ages preschool through high school)
- [Homeschooling: A Patchwork of Days](#) (Share a Day with 30 Families) by Nancy Lande
- [Homeschool Open House](#) by Nancy Lande
- [“Homeschooling with Little Ones Underfoot”](#) by Jamerrill Stewart
- [“Our Typical School Day”](#) by Marilyn Boyer
- [Real-Life Homeschooling: The Stories of 21 Families Who Teach Their Children at Home](#) by Rhonda Barfield
- [“School at My House—1998”](#) by Susan Wise Bauer (Three boys under age 7)
- [“School at My House—2000”](#) by Susan Wise Bauer (Grades 2-4, plus a toddler and a newborn) (article)
- [“Unplanned, Delight-Directed Homeschool Day”](#) by Robin Sampson
- [What Does Homeschooling Really Look Like?](#) (A glimpse into the day of 100-plus homeschool families)

ENCOURAGEMENT

- [101 Devotions for Homeschool Moms](#) by Jackie Wellwood
- [A Mom Just Like You](#) by Vickie Farris and Jayme Farris
- [“A Mom’s Sentimental Journey”](#) by Vicki Bentley (article)
- [“Balancing Elder-care and Homeschooling”](#) (caring for an elderly relative while homeschooling) by Vicki Bentley
- [Bright Spots in Homeschooling](#)
- [Christian single parents’ homeschool forum](#)
- [“Dad to Dad,”](#) tips from other dads who have been-there-done-that, including Scott Somerville, Bill Roach, Jeff Myers, Wade Hulcy, and Jim Bentley
- [“Encouragement for Homeschool Dads”](#) by Mike Smith (article)
- [“The Grandparent Factor: A Key Ingredient to Homeschool Success”](#) By Joy Kita (article)
- [Heart of Homeschooling](#) by Chris Klicka
- [Help for the Harried Homeschooler](#) by Christine Field
- [Home Educated and Now Adults](#) by Brian Ray
- [“Homeschooling through Illness or Disability”](#) (*Home School Heartbeat* transcript)
- [“Homeschooling an Internationally Adopted Child”](#) (*Home School Heartbeat* transcript)
- [“Homeschooling an Only Child”](#) (compilation of comments from mothers of one child)
- [“Homeschooling an Only Child”](#) (*Home School Heartbeat* transcript)
- [“Homeschooling in Special Situations”](#) (single parent, only child, family crisis)
- [Homeschooling the Challenging Child](#) by Christine Field
- [“Homeschooling Even When Mom is Ill”](#) by Chris Klicka (*Practical Homeschooling* magazine)
- From [Homeschooling Today](#) magazine:
 - Homeschooling Helper newsletter
 - The Father-Led Home newsletter
 - FirstYear newsletter
- [Homeschool Heroes](#) by Chris Klicka
- [“Homeschool Support Groups: Do You Need One?”](#) by Pamela Greer (*The Old Schoolhouse*)
- [Homeschooling: The Right Choice](#) by Christopher Klicka
- [“Homeschooling When Mom is Sick”](#) by Kathryn Frazier
- *The Joyful Homeschooler* by Mary Hood
- [“ ‘Jump Start’ to a Joyful School Year”](#) by Vicki Bentley

- [Gaining Confidence to Teach](#) by Debbie Strayer
- [“Lessons Learned—Finishing the School Year”](#) By Vicki Bentley
- [”Lessons Learned from Years of Homeschooling”](#) by Andrea Schwartz
- [”Lies Homeschooling Moms Believe”](#) by Todd Wilson
- [“Multi-Level Teaching: Homeschooling More than One Child”](#) By Vicki Bentley
- [“Only You Can Do This”](#) By Kara Murphy
- [Parenting From the Heart: Practical Parenting From A Mom of 14 Children](#) by Marilyn Boyer
- [“Practical Prayer”](#) — One mom shares her answer to making prayer and devotional time for mom “doable” in a houseful of little ones.
- [“Single—Not Alone” \(single parenting\)](#) by Mike Donnelly
- [The Hands-On Dad: The Father’s Role in Christian Home Education](#) by Rick Boyer
- [The Homeschooling Father](#) by Mike Farris
- [The Spiritual Power of a Mother](#) by Mike Farris
- [Things We Wish We’d Known: A Guide to Abundant-Life Homeschooling](#) Edited by Bill and Diana Waring
- [What a Daughter Needs from Her Dad](#) by Mike Farris
- [“When Life Broadships Your Homeschool: Finding Normal Again”](#) by Vicki Bentley

Also see Early Years page: [Encouragement Resources](#)

FOR FATHERS

- [“Dad to Dad”](#)—Messages to homeschooling fathers from men who have been there.
- [“Encouragement for Homeschool Dads”](#) by Mike Smith
- [The Homeschooling Father](#) by Mike Farris
- [“The Homeschooling Father’s Role”](#) by Tamara Eaton
- [The Hands-On Dad: The Father’s Role in Christian Home Education](#) by Rick Boyer
- [“How to Help Your Helpmate”](#) (*Homeschool Heartbeat*) Dads often fully support homeschooling but find it more difficult to help out on a daily basis. How can you pitch in to assist your wife with the activities involved? Mike Farris discusses practical ways to bring balance to the homeschool household.
- [“Savor the Season”](#) by Rick Boyer
- [“What Should Home Educators Do When Grandparents Disapprove?”](#) by Voddie Baucham
- *Worldwide Guide to Homeschooling* by Brian Ray (lots of statistical information)
- [The Heart of Homeschooling](#) by Chris Klicka
- [Homeschool Heroes](#) by Chris Klicka
- [What a Daughter Needs from Her Dad](#) by Mike Farris

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(Also see *preschool/primary, middle school, curriculum*)

- [A Survivor’s Guide to Homeschooling](#) by Luanne Shackelford and Susan White
- [Beyond Survival: A Guide to Abundant-Life Homeschooling](#) by Diana Waring
- [Charlotte Mason Education: A Home Schooling How-To Manual](#) by Catherine Levison
- [The Christian Home School](#) by Gregg Harris
- [Educating the WholeHearted Child](#) by Clay and Sally Clarkson
- [Education PLUS+](#) (Patterning Learning Upon Scripture) resources by Inge Cannon
- [What Your Child Needs to Know When](#) by Robin Sampson. Grade-by-grade skills checklists for K-8th in major subject areas.
- [Help for Parents](#)—workshops by Inge Cannon of EdPlus on topics including Curriculum 101, Learning Styles, Minimizing Gaps, and more
- [“Lesson Planning”](#) (*Homeschool Heartbeat*—five episodes)
- [Teaching Your Special Needs Student: Strategies and Tools that Really Work](#) by Judith Munday
- [Home Education 101: A Mentoring Program for New Homeschoolers](#) by Vicki Bentley
- [Homeschool Buyers Co-Op](#) is the world’s largest purchasing cooperative for homeschoolers. Co-op members get deep discounts on their homeschool curriculum. Membership is free.
- [Home Schooling Children with Special Needs](#) by Sharon Hensley
- [Homeschooler’s Guide to...](#) by Vicki Caruana

- [Homeschooling: The Right Choice](#) by Christopher Klicka
- [The How and Why of Home Schooling](#) by Ray Ballman
- [How to Home School: A Practical Approach](#) by Gayle Graham
- [Mary Pride's Complete Guide to Getting Started](#) by Mary Pride
- ["Mentoring for Groups"](#) by Dianne Kummer (Learning the basics of homeschooling from a mentor)
- [The Relaxed Homeschool](#) by Mary Hood
- [The Successful Homeschool Family Handbook](#) by Raymond and Dorothy Moore
- [Teaching the Trivium](#) by Harvey and Laurie Bluedorn
- [Teaching Your Special Needs Child](#) by Judith Munday
- [The Ultimate Guide to Homeschooling](#) by Debra Bell
- [The Underground History of Education](#) by John Taylor Gatto
- [The Unofficial Guide to Homeschooling](#) by Kathy Ishisuka
- [You've Decided to Homeschool; Now What?](#) by Marsha Hubler
- [The Well-Trained Mind](#) by Jessie Wise and Susan Wise Bauer
- [Worldwide Guide to Homeschooling](#) by Brian Ray (lots of statistical information)

GIFTED LEARNERS

- ["Finding the Gift in Your Child"](#) by Vicki Bentley (adapted from HSLDA Early Years email newsletter, May 2010)
- ["Gifted and Talented Children: What Every Parent Should Know"](#) by Inge Cannon
- ["Gifted Learners and Twice-Exceptional Resources"](#) (HSLDA Struggling Learners/Special Needs webpages)
- ["Homeschooling Academically Gifted Kids"](#) by Lisa Fenner
- ["Homeschooling Gifted Children"](#) (extensive resource list from Hoagies' Gifted Page)
- ["Homeschooling the Gifted Child"](#)
- ["Gifted with a Glitch"](#) by Dianne Craft, HSLDA coordinator
- ["Homeschooling the Gifted Child Part 1"](#) by Maggie Hogan
- [So You Think Your Child May Be Gifted](#) by Helene Barker Kiser (e-booklet)
- [Yahoo group](#) offering support and Christian fellowship with other homeschooling parents of gifted children
- [Gifted Children at Home](#) by Maggie Hogan, Kathleen Julicher, and Janice Baker
Three moms of gifted students share what they've learned about the best resources and opportunities and options for educating an intellectually gifted child.
- [Smartkidathome.com](#) (Website by Beth Bess, parent of several profoundly gifted children)
Beth offers several lectures as free downloads; topics include "Try The Eclectic Method for Your Unusual Learner," "Acceleration Options for Gifted Children," and "Could My Child Be Gifted?"
- ["How Do I Homeschool My Gifted Child?"](#) by Tiffany Tan (Methods, Materials, and Mentors)
- [Educating Your Gifted Child](#) by Vicki Caruana
- ["Gifted and ADD/ADHD"](#) (article from the National Association for Gifted Children)
- [A Parent's Guide to Gifted Children](#) by Webb, Gore, Amend, and DeVries.
- [The Gifted Development Center](#) (website featuring Dr. Linda Silverman and other resources from the Institute for the Study of Advanced Development)
- ["Teaching Highly Distractible Kids"](#) by Carol Barnier of OpenGifts.org
- ["The Animal School"](#) by Dr. George Reavis
- [A few scripture verses](#) on talents and abilities

HSLDA'S BROADCASTS

- HSLDA's [Home School Heartbeat](#) (radio broadcasts and transcripts; many topics)

LEARNING STYLES

- [A Self-Portrait™](#) learning styles profile/assessment
- ["The Active Learner"](#)—Debra Bell's Home School Resource Center
- [The Big WHAT NOW Book of Learning Styles](#) by Carol Barnier
- ["Common Teaching Approaches"](#)—*Homeschool Marketplace*
- [Discover Your Child's Learning Style](#) by Mariaemma Willis and Victoria Hodson
- [Every Child Can Succeed: Making the Most of Your Child's Learning Style](#) by Cynthia Tobias
- ["Five Children, Five Personalities"](#) by Joy Marie Dunlap
- ["Five Models of Learning Styles"](#) by Mary Askew
- [Homeschooling Methods: Seasoned Advice on Learning Styles](#), edited by Paul and Gena Suarez (contributors include Ruth Beechick, the Clarksons, Christine Field, Diana Waring, and more)

- [How Children Learn](#) by John Holt
- [How To Get Your Child Off the Refrigerator and Onto Learning](#) by Carol Barnier (especially good for highly distractible children)
- [I Hate School: How To Help Your Child Love Learning](#) by Cynthia Ulrich Tobias (Contains special section for homeschoolers)
- [“Learning Styles and the 4-Step Method”](#) by Robin Sampson
- [Reflective Educational Perspectives](#)
- [Strengths Explorer for Ages 10-14](#)
- [Talkers, Watchers, and Doers: Unlocking Your Child’s Unique Learning Style](#) by Cheri Fuller
- [You Can’t Make Me \(But I Can Be Persuaded\)](#) by Cynthia Tobias
- [The Way They Learn](#) by Cynthia Tobias (on learning styles)

Also see Early Years page: [Learning Styles Resources](#)

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- [“Choosing a Homeschool Math Curriculum”](#)
- [Current Events Resource: Student News Daily](#)
This free website focuses on current events from a conservative viewpoint for high schoolers (and possibly younger students). Sign up to have a different feature emailed to you each day; Wednesday’s feature highlights an example of media bias, while Friday’s feature is a quick quiz. Spend as little as 10 minutes a day equipping your students to become informed citizens. (From the [HEAV Update](#), September 10, 2009.)
- [Easy Homeschooling Techniques](#) by Lorraine Curry
- [Easy Homeschooling Curriculum](#) by Lorraine Curry
- [“Extracurricular Activities”](#) by Vicki Bentley
- [“Holidays as Homeschool Curriculum”](#) By Vicki Bentley
- [“Homeschool Fun and Games”](#) By Vicki Bentley
- [“Multi-Level Teaching: Homeschooling More than One Child”](#) By Vicki Bentley
- [Raising Real Men: Surviving, Teaching, and Appreciating Boys](#) by Hal and Melanie Young
- [The Heart of Anger](#) by Lou Priolo
- [What Your Child Needs to Know When](#) by Robin Sampson. Grade-by-grade skills checklists for K-8th in major subject areas.
- [You CAN Teach Your Child Successfully](#) by Ruth Beechick
- [Curriculum Choice](#)—Blog filled with reviews by various bloggers (includes middle school section).

Also see Early Years page: [Middle School Resources](#)

NEWSLETTERS

- HSLDA publishes a monthly email newsletter about homeschooling through the early years. [View the archives >>](#)
- [Subscribe to the newsletter >>](#)

PRESCHOOL/ELEMENTARY

- [“Adventures for the Younger Set”](#) by Jan Surface (fine arts for young children)
- [“Ask Barbara!”](#) Practical advice to parents of preschoolers, by Barbara Curtis
- [Creating a Rich Environment and a Fun Place to Learn for Preschoolers](#) (e-book from *The Old Schoolhouse Magazine*)
- [Easy Homeschooling Techniques](#) by Lorraine Curry
- [“Extracurricular Activities”](#) by Vicki Bentley
- [“First Things First: Working with a Preschooler”](#) by Jane Lambert
- [“Five Tips for Homeschooling Your Preschooler”](#) (*Home School Heartbeat* series)
- [“Homeschooling with Little Ones Underfoot”](#) by Jamerrill Stewart
- [“Homeschooling Preschool”](#) by Carletta Sanders in *Successful Homeschooling* newsletter
- [“The Importance of Early Language Learning for Baby”](#) By Marsha Peterson
- [“Insights on Teaching Preschoolers”](#) by Marilyn Boyer
- [“Keeping Preschool in Perspective”](#) by Vicki Bentley
- [Making the Most of the Preschool Years](#) by Valerie Bendt
- *Mommy, Teach Me!* by Barbara Curtis
- *Mommy, Teach Me to Read* by Barbara Curtis

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- [“Organizing Your Home for a Learning Lifestyle”](#) by Vicki Bentley (*Court Report*, Nov/Dec 2009)
- [“Preschool at Home”](#) by Joy Marie Dunlap
- [Preschool Activities in a Bag](#), Books 1 & 2 Instructions for 34 activities that can be done by preschoolers ([see sample](#) for details).
- [“Putting the HOME in Homeschooling—Introducing the 5 D’s”](#) by Clay and Sally Clarkson
- [Slow and Steady, Get Me Ready](#) by June Oberlander
- [The Three R’s: Grades K-3](#) by Ruth Beechick
- [“Tips for Working with the ‘Little People’ in Your Home”](#) by Inge Cannon
- [“Top Tips for Teaching Toddlers”](#) by Mary Pride (*Practical Homeschooling* magazine)
- [The Virginia Home Educator: Preschool Edition](#) (HEAV magazine)
- [“What to Do with a Child Before Age Ten”](#) by Harvey and Laurie Bluedorn (*Practical Homeschooling* magazine)
- [“What to Do with Your Preschooler/Early Learner”](#) by Vicki Bentley
- [What Your Child Needs to Know When](#) by Robin Sampson. Grade-by-grade skills checklists for K-8th in major subject areas.

Also see Early Years page: [Preschool/Primary Resources](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Homeschool magazines contain a wealth of information (including advertisement of many useful resources). Here is a partial list of homeschool periodicals and e-newsletters:

- [Home Educating Family](#) magazine
- [Home School Digest](#) (P.O. Box 125, Sawyer MI 49125) 
- [Home School Enrichment](#) magazine 
- [The Homeschool Handbook](#) magazine 
- [The Homeschool Minute](#)
- [Homeschooling Today](#) (954-962-1930) 
 - [Homeschooling Helper](#) newsletter
 - [The Father-Led Home](#)
 - [First Year](#)
- [The Old Schoolhouse](#)
- [Practical Homeschooling](#) (P.O. Box 1190, Fenton MO 63026/ phone 800-346-6322/ orders@home-school.com)
- [The Teaching Home](#) (Box 20219, Portland OR 97294/ 503-253-9633) e-magazine
- [Teaching Tips](#) newsletter from Common Sense Press

RECORDKEEPING & ORGANIZATION

- [“Documenting Your Child’s Progress Over Time”](#) by Faith Berens (Written originally for struggling learners, but applicable to all learners)
- [“Do Your Kids Waste or Lose School Supplies?”](#)
- [Homeschool Share](#) unit study ideas forum
- [“Keeping Records”](#) by Nancy Doran (*The Old Schoolhouse* magazine)
- [“Lessons Learned—Finishing the School Year”](#) by Vicki Bentley
- [“Organize for Success in Home Management Training”](#) by Vicki Bentley
- [“Organizing Your Home for a Learning Lifestyle”](#) by Vicki Bentley (*Court Report*, Nov/Dec 2009)
- [Planning/Record-keeping Tools](#)
- [“Organizing Your Homeschool!”](#)—Read how Holly Urbach organizes her children’s school binders and then sets up her school shelves.
- [“Records to Keep \(or: Souvenirs of the Journey—For You, the Children, and the Officials\)”](#)
- [“Record Your Accomplishments”](#) By Cindy Short and Sue Welch
- [“What Records Should You Keep?”](#) by Vicki Bentley
- [Workbook approach](#) to organizing school assignments

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TESTING & ASSESSMENT

- [Achieving Peak Performance](#)
Available for grades 1-10. Designed to help your child do his or her best on standardized achievement tests,

this test preparation tool will assist you in identifying learning objectives and mastering test preparation strategies.

- [“Assessment and Testing”](#) by Cindy Downes
- [“Awesome Test-Taking Strategies”](#)
- [Essential Learning Objectives](#)
For grades K-8, this product lists the math and language arts learning objectives for each grade level. ([Read the full review.](#))
- [Essential Learning Objectives Quick Assessment](#)
(Reviewed by Yvonne Bunn, HEAV’s Director of Homeschool Support) Are you considering home education, but you’re not sure where to begin with curriculum? Or are you taking your child out of school because he’s struggling academically, and you don’t know what level curriculum to purchase? Perhaps your child is advanced in one subject, but you think he may be behind in another subject—how can you find out?
- [“Evaluating Progress”](#)
- [Evaluating for Excellence: A Handbook for Evaluating Student Progress](#) by Teresa Moon
- [Spectrum test preparation booklets](#)
Test preparation booklets for grades 1-8 include test-taking strategies and techniques, sample questions, practice tests, and more. Preparation for the California (CAT), Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills (CTBS), Iowa Tests of Basic Skills® (ITBS), Metropolitan (MAT), and the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT). The up-to-date content reflects national standards and includes practice tests in reading, language arts, and math.

See more test prep/practice resources [here](#).

Also visit our [Testing article](#) for practice resources.

- [“Testing and Evaluations for Struggling Learners”](#)
- [“What Achievement Tests Can and Cannot Do”](#)
- [Weaver’s Skills Evaluation](#) (for K-6th)
- [What Your Child Needs to Know When](#) by Robin Sampson. Grade-by-grade skills checklists for K-8th in major subject areas.

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