

36 Homeschool Lesson Plans and Activities

Welcome to **FREE Lesson Plans from Custom Homeschool Curriculum!**

Each month you will receive...

- FREE lesson plans and activities
- Ideas to improve your child's learning
- Teaching tips
- Encouragement
- Answers to your questions



Tools for your child's success...

- Lesson plans for teaching children that won't sit still
- Tips on teaching reading - successfully!
- Ideas to encourage reluctant writers
- Activities for improving math skills

Visit <http://www.custom-homeschool-curriculum.com/curriculum> to see how using a custom curriculum built around your child's learning strengths can...

- Eliminate learning problems
- Accelerate your child's learning
- Improve your child's motivation and confidence

Find out how your child learns best by taking the Learning Styles Profile at <http://www.custom-homeschool-curriculum.com/profile>.

If you have questions, concerns, or need assistance **don't hesitate to contact me at** <http://www.custom-homeschool-curriculum.com/contact>. I would love to hear from you!

To your child's success!

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Here are **36 activities** you can use to enhance your child's learning. Use a new idea each week and see your child's motivation and learning soar!

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Motivation 101

- Take a break from a subject that is troublesome.
- Allow your child to organize the lesson plans or purchase curriculum for a challenging subject.
- Use your child's interests to "sneak" in subjects. Say your child loves trains. Map train routes (geography), create a picture collage detailing the different trains used world-wide (writing, spelling), find train-related art and music, keep a list of train terminology (vocabulary). Of course there will be lots of reading comprehension going on!
- Find a mentor for your child in an area they are interested in.
- Try a new homeschooling method. If you have been using textbooks switch to a unit study for a month. Find out about the different homeschooling methods at <http://www.custom-homeschool-curriculum.com/methods>.
- Use hands-on activities and real-life experiences to bring to life what you are reading about.

Improve Reading

- Read aloud daily to your child, even when they are teens. Exposing them to literature they wouldn't normally read is shown to increase reading ability and foster a love of books.
- Practice skimming to find information. Pick a word on a page and see how fast your child can find it.
- Choose one book per quarter for literary analysis. Read all the others for pure pleasure.
- Have your child narrate to you what they have been reading to improve comprehension.
- Allow your child freedom in choosing reading material. This improves reading motivation.
- Learn how to speed-read. It's a handy skill to have, plus it can rekindle a love of reading.

Spelling Made Easy

Improve spelling by using your child's learning strengths. Learn more at <http://www.custom-homeschool-curriculum.com/learningstyles>.

- Games such as Scrabble™ can be a fun way to practice spelling.
- Auditory learners can tape record their words. Then say and spell the words out loud. Finally, listen to their recording to see if they are correct.
- Kinesthetic learners can dial their words using a rotary phone (eBay™ item!).
- Tactile learners can use clay to spell out their words.
- Visual-picture learners can print each word, draw around each word, then study the shape the whole word makes.
- Visual-print learners can use word finds or crossword puzzles.

Inspire Your Writers

- Immature fine motor skills are often the cause of a reluctant writer. Focus on the creative part of writing by being a scribe for your child, using magnetic words, a tape recorder or the computer.
- Go for a walk and sketch interesting things you see. Bring along a nature guide so you can label your drawings.
- Encourage journaling (no editing please).
- Avoid having your child edit every written piece. This is not real life. Edit those pieces that will be “published” in some way. Which brings me to my next point...
- Publish your child’s work. Editorials, personal letters, letters to officials, essay contests, create a book, just to name a few.
- Use copywork as the backdoor to teaching writing mechanics. By copying high quality literature your child will learn punctuation, grammar, new vocabulary, and spelling (without all the tears!).

Math Mastery

- Practice math skills using games such as War, Yahtzee™, The Game of Life™, Monopoly™, and Dominoes™.
- Let your child self-correct as much as possible. They will learn faster and with better retention.
- Carelessness can be a sign of disinterest. Spice things up by using games to practice or learn a new skill.
- Use science experiments as a backdoor to practicing math skills.
- Cooking is a yummy way to understand fractions and measurements.
- Build things (i.e. bird houses) to practice geometry, fractions and measurements.

History and Geography Come Alive

- Role play the period you are studying. Churn butter, make a quill pen, use slate and chalk for your spelling test.
- Instead of reading in a textbook, visit museums, historical sites, or geographical features.
- Grab a metal detector and go hunting for artifacts.
- If you didn’t find any artifacts make your own using kits from Historic Connections. Visit their online store at <http://www.historicconnections.webs.com/index.htm>.
- Participate in local cultural activities.
- Use navigational instruments such as a compass, road maps, aeronautical/navigation charts, and topography maps. Great learning experience for Mom too!