

Family Academy[®] News

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What Family Academy[®] Offers Homeschoolers

Our teachers are qualified to assist your family needs while continuing to homeschool.

We provide:

- School year planning
- Weekly Contact with students and parents
- Quarterly conferences
- Report cards for K-8
- Sports report cards for district needs
- Great online resources for Special Education Needs
- New Phonics program for K-2 online coming this Fall! Limited enrollments available.
- Highschool accreditation through a partner program for grades 9-12
 - Keep homeschooling and get an accredited diploma.
- Testing and Assessments
- Outdoor Schools
- Online courses available
 - Spanish, German or French Classes
 - Music Classes
 - Art Classes
 - Media Arts Online

We have teachers in:

- Sequim/Port Angeles area (Tutor)
- Arlington – 1 learning center
- Burien – 2 learning centers
- Vancouver – 1 learning center
- Marysville – 2 learning centers
- Special Needs Teachers – Online
 - Colorado
 - Oklahoma
 - Nebraska
 - Oregon
 - California
- Music and Foreign Language Teacher
- Tulalip Tribal Language Teacher

To inquire about registration and availability please email us. We look forward to assisting you!

Assessments

Now is the time to get your assessments planned and reservations made! Many of us teachers who offer assessments need to make reservations. So, if you don't have a teacher to oversee or proctor a test, please contact us as soon as possible.

Washington State Law states that you will do an annual assessment, this can be in person; via a proctor if you are doing online testing for CAT, IOWA or PASS. It can also be a non-test assessment.

Fees vary and all our teachers give the 10% discount for family membership holders.

Homeschool Conference

Are you interested in having a question-and-answer time via zoom or in person with a qualified teacher?

Our founder, Diana McAlister, is one of a couple people who were instrumental in writing and pushing for our homeschool law.

We are looking for a conference in July this year and would love your input. Of course, you don't have to wait until July to meet up with her and ask questions, but we would like to open up her home in Arlington or a local church and offer some assistance.

Please let us know if you are interested and we will get this planned!

People with Art Talent Needed

Please contact Whitney at Stride Christian Academy if you have an art talent that you could come to the center in Marysville and teach to her students! Email her at Whitney@stridechristianacademy.org

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New Courses Available for High School Students!

We have entered an exclusive contract with FilmMaking4Teens out of Arizona. A homeschooling family that found a way to teach Media Arts to other homeschooling families! Credits available.

Intro to Film Making: \$295

Learn the art of filmmaking start to finish in this 18-section course (complete a section every two weeks or in one week if you are working fast). Good for 1 high school elective credit for one year (120 hours)

Photography 4 Teens: \$195

Learn the basics of photography in a 12-part course featuring lessons, demonstrations, workshops, and assignments. (One semester credit)

YouTube 4 Teens: \$195

This course gives students the training to start, grow and launch a YouTube channel. A 12-week course for tweens, teens, or adults! (80 Hours or 1/2 elective credit). 1 semester (80 hours)

Acting for the Screen: \$150

In this 12-part course, we will teach the basic building block that makes a great screen performance. Acting 4 the Screen equals 1 semester elective credit (80 hours)

Preschool Corner

We have just entered an agreement with *TheMomentsAtHome.com* and Lisa Yvonne to bring you a full year of Preschool Curriculum and a Kindergarten extension option! You must enroll with Family Academy (\$100 a year) to receive the monthly pdf filled with everything you will need for your Preschooler!

This is an exciting development here at Family Academy. Although we firmly believe that your child needs to play, and work with playdough to develop the hand / eye coordination, but also to start developing muscles in their hands, some children grow at different rates. If your child is cutting, coloring in the lines, then you will want to start this great curriculum. Everything you need will be sent to you each month.

There is a disclaimer that you will need to sign, that states you will not sell or give away the curriculum to anyone else. The license we have with Lisa Yvonne states it's for use with our school only!

If you want free curriculum, then choose one of these companies to work with:

Starfall.com
Preschool-Plan-It.com
Gospel Project online
ABCmouse.com

Services Available

Special Pricing for Family Members!

Hear-builder

Hear-builder helps children with Auditory issues. You will receive an Auditory Processing screening via Zoom, and receive access to Hear-builder for 3-month increments for \$60.00. Reports and Monitoring completed by our Learning Specialist. Limited openings left, and our special for the month of February to try the product for three months!

MySciLearn

These researched tested (MySciLearn) and developed online programs help students learn how to read and how to learn at the same time. Our Learning Specialist monitors and helps the parents coach their children. Made possible by Family Academy Online. Special pricing in February! Contact Maggie Dail through www.unlockinglearningpotential.net

Lent Packets

Family Membership holders will be receiving lent packets starting the last week of February. There is a family devotional and a calendar for your family to do activities. In the March and April issues, we will be highlighting events of Lent to teach your children about. We hope you enjoy the next 40 day adventure with us!

Aleks.com Math

This online Math course from McGraw-Hill is just awesome. It's great for kids that struggle with book work. Great for 3rd grade and up.

This program has great features and some games, videos to teach, but the best thing of all is that it keeps going over concepts learned to reinforce that learning. Plus, you as a parent, do not need to grade papers!

Our teachers assign work and tests on a regular basis. Plus, they can come on and see where your child is having troubles and help. Best of all, parents don't need to grade! Grading is automatic by the system. Even shows your student where they went wrong!

Program fees are:

One-month trial for \$30.00

Three-month subscription \$50.00

Nine-month subscription \$70.00

Twelve-month subscription \$90.00

You are saving up to \$238.00 a year, plus they have books to correlate with the curriculum if you need them. \$40.00 registration for one course!

Aleks even offers some classes for Biology and Chemistry. To order a subscription to Aleks.com at a discounted rate, please contact the school. Takes about 3-4 days to get activated.

Vancouver Area Teacher Consultant

We have a TC in the Vancouver area who would love to assist you. She uses the Bob Jones University Curriculum and can help with that. She also teaches the Homeschooling the High Schooler and does non-test assessments.

You can find more information about her and her learning center at: [Salmon Creek Learning Center](#)

Spanish / German Teacher Consultant

We have a TC in Seattle who does Spanish 1-4 and German through Zoom each week.

If your interested in having your high school student start foreign language to meet the World Language requirements, please contact us!

Journal Prompts for February

This year, start a book of writing prompts that get the creative juices flowing for your student. Below are four prompts for the month of February.

Have your student copy the verse from the Bible; then finish the writing prompt. Then you correct and have them re-write their journal prompt to correct all the errors. This is how children learn!

Genesis 3 - You're in the Garden of Eden, and a talking snake comes up to you. What does he say, and what do you do?

Proverbs 27:17 - Think of your three closest friends. Write what you love about each of them.

1st Samuel 17 - You were standing right by David when Goliath came up. What did the giant say to you, and what happened next?

Matthew 10:31 - You are going off to sleep when you realize Jesus just sat down on your bed. Write down the conversation the two of you have.

Psalms 32:8 - Think of your special talents. Write a story about yourself at age 25 and how you're using them.

Outdoor School

We are working on our next outdoor school session, if you are interested, please contact us at the school email to be put on a waiting list!

Curriculum on Sale

Language Arts:

Title	Sale Price	# In Stock
A Writer's Guide to Powerful Paragraphs	9.00	6
A Writer's Guide to Using 8 Methods of Transition	3.00	4
Brightest Heaven of Invention (Shakespeare Guide)	9.00	6
Megawords Level 2 Student Workbook	5.00	2
Megawords Level 2 Teacher Key	6.50	5
Megawords Level 4 Student Workbook	5.00	4
Megawords Level 4 Teacher Key	6.50	2
Megawords Level 5 Student Workbook	5.00	2
Megawords Level 5 Teacher Key	6.50	3
Megawords Level 6 Student Workbook	5.00	6
Megawords Level 6 Teacher Key	6.50	3
Megawords Level 7 Teacher Key	6.50	1
Megawords Level 8 Student Workbook	5.00	1
Megawords Level 8 Teacher Key	6.50	1
Rules of the Game Level 1 Teacher Key	2.25	1
Rules of the Game Level 2 Teacher Key	2.25	1
Rules of the Game Level 3 Teacher Key	2.25	3
Write Source Publications:		
All Write Skillsbook Student Workbook	9.00	1
All Write Skillsbook Teacher Edition	11.50	7
All Write Student Handbook	11.00	5
Write Away (early elementary)	6.50	1
Writers Express Skillsbook Level 4 Teacher Ed.	6.50	2
Writers Express Skillsbook Level 5 Teacher Ed.	6.50	1
Writers Express Skillsbook Level 5 Student Workbook	6.50	1
Writers Inc. School to Work Student Handbook	6.50	1
Writers Inc. School to Work Teacher's Guide	6.50	1
Writers Inc. Skillsbook Level 11 Student	6.50	4
Write Source 2000 Skillsbook Level 8 Teacher Edition	6.50	1
Write Source 2000 Skillsbook Level 7 Student Workbook	6.50	1
History Curriculum:		
Doing History – Student - (Global Studies Edition)	6.00	2
Doing History – Student - High School (Level G-H)	6.00	6
Doing History – Teacher - High School (Level G-H)	3.00	3
Doing History – Student – Middle School (Level E-F)	6.00	5
Science:		
The Geology of Yellowstone	15.00	6
Pagoo	6.00	2
Biblical/Apologetics:		
The Answer Gospel of John	3.00	5

Planners Available

- Teaching My Own K-8 Planner
- High School Your Way Planner
- Homeschooling the High Schooler

Vendors needed. Earn some extra income selling our products. Email us!

Washington State History, a High School Curriculum Resource for Homeschoolers

is now available on our website. This is the weekly curriculum plan of one of our Christian Author Teachers! If you want to teach research skills to your student, this is a great way to do that. Check out the store!

Unlocking Learning Potential

Our special needs teacher has an array of books to help parents with teaching their students. Some new stories and books are coming, so check out her website often for new books!

www.unlockinglearningpotential.net

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Texas Day	2 Groundhog Day	3 Carrot Cake Day	4 Thank a Mail Carrier Day	5 Homemade Soup Day
6 Chopsticks Day	7 Fettuccine Alfredo Day	8 Iowa Day	9 Pizza Day	10 Umbrella Day	11 Make a Friend Day	12 Plum Pudding Day
13 Global Movie Day	14 Valentine's Day	15 Wisconsin Day	16 Almond Day	17 Cabbage Day	18 Battery Day	19 Caregivers Day
20 Cherry Pie Day	21 Presidents Day	22 Sweet Potato Day	23 Banana Bread Day	24 Tortilla Chip Day	25 Clam Chowder Day	26 Chili Day
27 Strawberry Day	28 Floral Design Day					

These give you some ideas that you can use for English, History and Art classes for the month (in some cases even Science and Math). Learn everything you can about these days, including occupations that go with them for your child's English, History and Art or Occupational Education requirements.

Texas Day – Spend some time learning about Texas history.

Groundhog Day – Read up on Groundhog Day. Watch the news to see if the groundhog back east predicts more winter or if spring is around the corner.

Carrot Cake Day – Either pick up a carrot cake at the store or tempt to make one with the kids!

Thank a Mail Carrier – Take time for the kids to make cards or color sheets to thank their mail carrier. Especially being out there in the cold and the storms lately.

Homemade Soup Day – Take time to teach how to make homemade soup. My favorite is potato soup. You can thicken it up by adding potato flakes. You don't have to use milk. Use a variety of spices.

Chopsticks Day – Make some rice and vegetables for dinner and pick up chopsticks to eat with. Make a video at the table of your child/children.

Fettuccine Alfredo Day – Learn all about the history of this noodle. Either attempt to make your own noodles today or go and buy some and have your students make it for dinner!

Iowa Day – Research this state and all it has to offer. Check out their state bird, state insect, flag and more.

Pizza Day – One of my favorite foods! Have your students make their own pizzas today! You can get dough or use Pillsbury rolls and make mini ones!

Umbrella Day – A wonderful invention most in Washington state don't use! If it's a sunny day, take an umbrella and go outside and explore. Read up on the invention of this great tool.

Make a Friend Day – Today, take your kids to the park and have them make new friends; or check out a new family in your block and get together! Even in time of Covid, we can still do things with other families even if its through Zoom!

Plum Pudding Day – If you have never had this, you are missing out! Check into recipes and make some with your kids today. Add marshmallows on top!

Global Movie Day – Take time out and watch something together as a family. Check out a new Disney movie! Make a concession stand and have all the goodies. Darken the room and make it feel like they are in a movie theatre!

Valentine's Day – We always did something special for Valentine's Day. Well, the kids can make chocolate covered strawberries and some sugar cookies with a portion dipped in chocolate. These are the best treats after a wonderful meal. Have them make heart placemats and card. Make enough for some neighbors or family and deliver before dinner!

Wisconsin Day – Check out this state and all the wonderful products that are grown or made there. You might be surprised!

Almond Day – Get some almonds in the shell from the store and teach how to crack them open! You can also help them glue almonds around a hazel nut and make ornaments! May not be Christmas, but you can teach crafting like this year-round!

Cabbage Day – Look up various recipes for making cabbage.

Battery Day – You may need to enlist the help of your spouse on this one! Testing batteries and seeing if their good or not will need a tester. Plus, look up the history of how the batteries were made. Make a toothbrush bot with a small battery and some wires hooked onto the back of a toothbrush. Here are some directions for a [toothbrush bot!](#)

Caregivers Day – Make cards and cookies and wrap them up for any caregivers in the family or for those who help others to thank them for what they do!

Cherry Pie Day – This is a great one and an easy way to make as well. The mastery is in the pie crust, but the cherry pie filling is the best way to go for that wonderful taste. Bake your pie crust, when cool, put the filling in, store in the fridge. Top with whipped cream and you have a great dessert.

Presidents Day – This is a wonderful day to go over all the Presidents of the United States. Use a U.S. map and put stickers on the map where the presidents grew up!

Sweet Potato Day – There are many ways to cook Sweet Potatoes and enjoy them than on Thanksgiving and Christmas. They are great year-round. Find some recipes and do a comparison to what you make for the holidays. I love to make mashed sweet potatoes with a little brown sugar and butter.

Banana Bread Day – This one the kids can make on their own. There are some different ways to make it; I use nutmeg and cinnamon in mine with some mini chocolate chips. Find various recipes and find the differences. Choose one to make this month!

Tortilla Chip Day – Make your own and enjoy nachos, or chips and dip! Take the round flour tortilla's and you will cut them into chips, spray with vegetable oil, and place on a cookie sheet. Here is a [recipe](#) for a variety of ways to cook them!

Clam Chowder Day – One recipe that kids usually don't like unless you have conditioned them from early on. I loved clams and clam chowder growing up in the Pacific Northwest. You can look up the varieties of clams in the Northwest. Have the kids draw what they see? Then make some soup or pick up a can and give it a try!

Chili Day – This is more like it. Something everyone loves to eat. Take a recipe and make from scratch. Remember that it's best to soak the beans for a while, so you may want to start this the night before. Decide what to add to the beans once you get them cooked.

Strawberry Day – These are a great treat dipped in chocolate! Improve your chocolate dipping skills and eat as a snack today!

Floral Design Day - Design a floral arrangement. Go to the store or a garden that may be blooming and learn to design a floral arrangement. You can even contact a local florist for a field trip to learn some basics. Make sure you contact them now for the end of the month when they are not so busy.

ART IDEAS FOR FEBRUARY

Make a heart collage with old family photos (copied) and place them around the house to remember them this Valentine's Day.

Make an area in the house with hearts and candies to express the month.

Have the children make Valentine's for the family and neighbors this year.

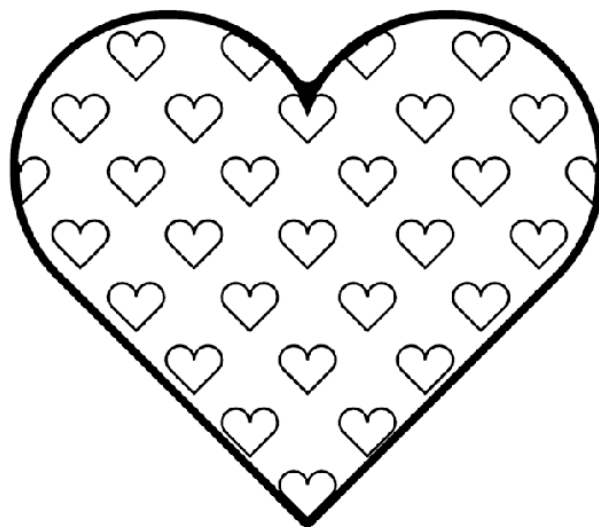
Host a Valentine's party at your church. Make heart shaped cookies and have available with pink punch!

Make an art project with a heart shaped canvas and add a new product to it like silver or gold leafing.

Surprise Dad at work with lunch made especially for him!

Make handprints with clay of your children, when dry have them paint them.

Let your imagination run!



What Can Family Academy Do to Make Life Easier to Homeschool?

The combined experience of Family Academy® and the 40 years it has been helping homeschool families, we want to know how we can help you? This newsletter is a new concept for Family Academy®, and we would like to hear from you!

What are some of [Grab your reader's attention with a great quote from the document or use this space to emphasize a key point. To place this text box anywhere on the page, just drag it.] your weaknesses?

What are your strengths?

How can we help you be a better home educator?

Please take time to fill out the form at the link below so that we can critique our services and our newsletter to fit your needs!

Click here to take the survey: [Survey Link](#)

Neurodevelopmental Department of Family Academy®

Maggie Dail has been our lead Special Education Brain Trainer that assists those with Neurodevelopmental issues has a variety of services. If you have kids that are behind, who may need some special courses or are noted with disabilities, these services may help you.

Did you know that if your child has an IEP or has had a psychological evaluation and is confirmed special needs that you can get access to Social Security Disability Educational funding for your student's expenses?

During this time of the Pandemic, you can get funding to pay for tutors and other school related staff and services. Contact Maggie for more information on the services she has available. Hear Builder and MySciLearn are excellent programs for those who have special needs.

Check out more of Maggie's products by going to: <http://unlockinglearningpotential.net>

Volunteer Help Needed

Family Academy has a few openings on our Board of Directors for the following Committees:

Support Committee Chair – someone who can generate donations from local businesses to help our 501c3 business expand to meet national guidelines. We are looking for someone to create a team, which could include a homeschool Junior or Senior for Career and Technology Credits.

Teacher Consultants of America, taking our concept of training gifted educators to assist homeschoolers across the nation. We have some teacher consultants now, but we are looking for a chair position to actively meet with our TCOA members. To coordinate training and work with the TC's for growth.

Family Membership Program has a chair position available that you would help us define the membership program, what families need, and to help generate more services to be offered.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these Committees, please contact us.

Able to Teach Program now offered from Multnomah University Online

Our course Able to Teach has helped thousands of homeschoolers across the state become certified to teach at home since our founders pushed for the homeschool law that allows you to homeschool!

Well, Multnomah University has accepted our program and it is now available through them regardless of the state you live in. So, if you know of a homeschool family just starting out, let them know that they can now take the course online through MU+.

This is a great honor for Family Academy®.