

Family Academy News

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Family Membership

Receive a 10% discount off services.

As a Family Member with Family Academy, you get access to our current roster of Teacher Consultants that are trained in Homeschooling procedures. These TC's have homeschooled their own kids (or are still doing so). We know the hardships, the rewards and all that comes with homeschooling children.

With our Family Membership you receive:

- 10% off our services, and products
- A monthly newsletter
- Consultations with the TC's
- Learning Styles Analyses
- Yearly planning at no cost to you!
- Much Much More.

The cost for this service is \$60.00 a year (\$5.00 a month!) Register at <http://www.familyacademy.org> this month and use Code "Save 5" to get \$5.00 off!

To register, please contact us through our website: Use code "Save 5" for a discount. (By moving the link to the previous paragraph this sentence is unnecessary)

Free Issues

You will receive 3 free issues of our monthly newsletter! If you have recently registered for the Able to Teach course, then you will receive 3 free issues!

If you took the course in 2020, this is your last issue. Sign up today!

We are currently working on more content! So, don't miss out!

APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SPECIAL EVENT IN ARLINGTON, WA

In Person / Remote Parent Qualifying Course will be held in April!

Please contact us at info@familyacademy.org for all the details!

Field Trips

I understand that there have been some questions of what you can do as a family during Covid – 19.

Well, while some museums and parks are still closed in Washington State, you don't need to go anywhere in order to visit a museum or park.

Analysis

The Junior Park Ranger program is online and a fantastic resource for kids to learn about our National Parks system. Did you know that Seattle has one whole block that is a National Park? Klondike Gold Rush Museum is a block away from Pioneer Square and is a wonderful experience of the gold rush era of Seattle.

You can order books for free through the National Parks website and when you complete the activity books, send them back and you will receive a patch for that National Park. It is a wonderful program.

The other way you can visit the parks is going to Google Earth online and you can zoom in all over the world and see real time pictures. Check out what your house looks like!

Most of the big museums are online for virtual tours at no cost. Here are some links:

[Become A Junior Ranger \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/)
<https://earth.google.com>
[Smithsonian Institution \(si.edu\)](https://www.si.edu)

Chocolate Covered Peanuts

Use this recipe to make some great Chocolate Covered Peanut Clusters! Just get some chocolate wafers to melt from your produce aisle in the grocery store and some salted peanuts. Melt the chocolate in the microwave and pour over your peanuts and drop by the teaspoon onto a wax paper sheet. Cool completely before consuming! You can also do this with cherry tomatoes or even fruit. Try a variety of fruits and veggies and see which taste best in chocolate!

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Spring is Coming

Now is a great time to start thinking about agriculture and the ability to grow and produce your own food right in your own yard.

This is a great way to keep the kids involved, teach them how to grow, weed and care for the planet.

Also, a great time to experiment with cooking meals, and canning the food. I love this time of year! Get some books and see what you can do in your own yard, and have your kids help build it!

Math

By Diana McAlister

Math is one of the subjects that intimidates many homeschool parents. From their own dislike of Math to the fact that they may not have used any concepts in their life, other than basic addition and subtraction.

Today, we find most kids are lacking in their basic multiplication facts. I remember a time we had to memorize these facts in order to pass 5th grade!

Any child can learn the 1, 2, 5, 10 then you only really have the 3's which incorporates the 3, 6, and 9's. So, I recommend you teach the 3's and the 7's. This way your child has all the facts learned without the tears! (*For active kids, have them practice saying them as they bounce on a rebounder.*) There is actually a pattern, and as you look for the pattern in the sequences, it's really fun to see the child's light bulb turn on!

One thing I tell parents, don't do all the problems on the page. Start your school year out with the chapter tests. Keep taking them until your child does not pass with 80% or higher. Once they fail, then start with that unit. Do 10 problems and move on.

Remember, your child is a sponge and really doesn't need to do all the problems. If after 10 they are having difficulty, then do more problems.

You Have Begun Homeschooling, Now What? Part 3

By T. M. Goddard-Elliott

Teaching reading was my worry. I had a preschooler who just did not understand why God, who could make everything, didn't make her born to read! She hated learning to read. By Kindergarten, she was off and running and it was hard to make her put a book down.

I found the best way to teach reading was by sight reading. Its how I learned to read in public school.

I found a set of McGuffey Readers that really did well. They had questions for comprehension as well as vocabulary words from K-12. Then I found Christian Readers who had the same, but there were projects for each grade level to do. I really loved them.

My son had a hard time learning to read, and he was not as fast as the preschooler! He took until 3rd grade to start reading. What we learned was that the neurons at the base of the brain need to reach a certain thickness and its like a light switch! As soon as they reach that thickness, he started reading and could not be stopped!

I also learned, that if you try and force your child to read too early, they end up with eye problems. This brings about a whole slew of confidence issues and can take a child even longer to come around.

Take some advice, let your preschoolers play! Do not force a curriculum on them. They are naturally little sponges and will pick up on it quickly when they are ready!

More next month....

Questions

We would like to have a column to answer your questions about homeschooling or curriculum. Submit your questions to telliott@familyacademy.org and we will put together a column for the next issue!

SAT Changes

If you have a High School student, you may want to check out the rules that are changing for the SAT requirements.

Here is the link:
<https://collegeadmissionstrategies.com/this-is-big-news-seriously>

Teacher Consultants Wanted

Do you have experience homeschooling and would like to help beginning homeschool parents? Whether you hold a degree or not, we have a program for you!

Learn how to help without breaking Washington State Laws on homeschooling. In Washington State, you cannot homeschool someone else's children unless you are part of the Private School Extension program or part of a Private School.

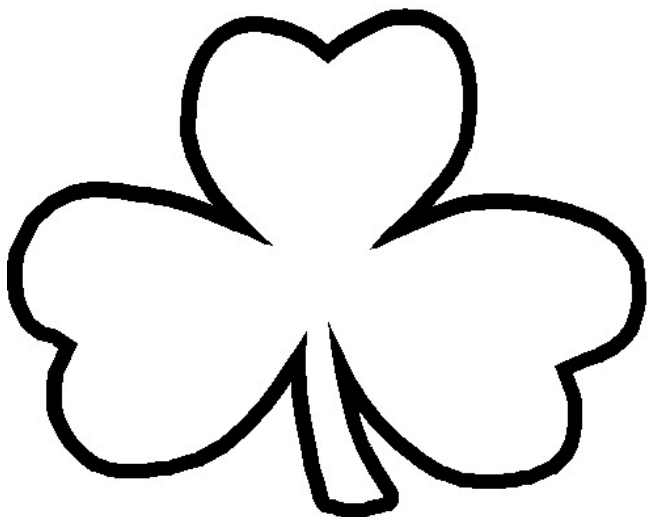
Interested? Family Academy is currently taking applications. Contact us at Office@familyacademy.org.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 National Peanut Butter Day	2 National Dr Seuss Day	3 National Anthem Day	4 National Pound Cake Day	5 Day of Unplugging	6 National Oreo Cookie Day
7 National Cereal Day	8 National Peanut Clusters Day	9 National Meatball Day	10 National Pack Your Lunch Day	11 National Johnny Appleseed Day	12 National Plant a Flower Day	13 Good Samaritan Day
14 National Pi Day	15 National Shoe the World Day	16 National Panda Day	17 National Corned Beef and Cabbage Day / St Patty's	18 National Sloppy Joe Day	19 National Certified Nurse Day	20 National Ravioli Day
21 National Common Courtesy Day	22 National Bavarian Crepes Day	23 National Chip and Dip Day	24 National Chocolate Covered Raisins Day	25 National Medal of Honor Day	26 National Spinach Day	27 National Black Forest Cake Day
28 National Vietnam War Veterans Day	29 National Pencil Day	30 National Crayon 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.

Take a picture of one of your cooking outcomes that celebrate a day above and turn in by the 20th of March to get a free bookmark!



This month investigate this Irish Tradition and see how it has changed compared to the way we celebrate it here in the United States.