

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!

A New Year, A New Beginning!

For many homeschoolers, the holidays bring a lot of guilt that kids didn't learn enough. Those family traditions of baking, wrapping, gathering for Thanksgiving or Christmas are all times that a child soaks up. You are training them what is important in your life, and that it should follow them into their adulthood as well.

Cooking for Thanksgiving or Christmas in my house is a time we try new recipes; kids make table settings and place settings. Each year we go all out to decorate. While Thanksgiving is the marker for the Christmas tree to go up on Black Friday, for us, the tree is decorated. So, I have pumpkin/fall themes up from August till Thanksgiving and can't wait for the tree to be up as well.

The baking for Christmas when I was growing up never included making Gingerbread houses. My mom and I would bake for 2 weeks, one to two recipes a day, and store all the cookies in the back bedroom that was not heated, so they stayed cool and preserved well in Tupperware. On the 23rd we would make gift packages for all the neighbors, co-workers and friends and go and deliver with a handmade Christmas card! This was the time of year for getting personal and wishing people well.

Now that the holidays are over, don't fret over not doing enough. Its okay. Homeschoolers teach year around and taking time between Thanksgiving and the New Year to instill holiday traditions in your children is okay.

Now that January is about to arrive, its time to hunker down and get the new year months till June 110% of your student's time to learn. Kids are sponges, they soak it all in. Sometimes they appear frustrated or inattentive. Stop and take a break and go do something fun! Schedule your spring break now and make decisions as to what you are going to do. Get out of town if you can. Always nice to learn hands on and experience life, no matter where you live, there is always something new to experience. Happy New Year, we wish you well in 2022!

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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

Stride Christian Academy

One of our teachers, Whitney Sapp, owner of Stride Christian Academy, has a unique research type project she would like to invite your Middle School or High School student to her class.

Here is her invite:

My middle and high school studios have civilization Socratic Discussions every Tuesday and Thursday and I wanted to see if you could reach out to other learning centers or homeschooling students to join us on occasion. It would need to be in-person at our school.

[Here](#) is an example of how we do civilization.

The learners usually take 45 minutes to research and answer the question using the links provided as well as personal research and then meet for a Socratic discussion with the bottom half questions. This is all student-led and would not require any adult teaching.

If your student is interested in attending, you may contact Whitney at:

Whitney@stridechristianacademy.org for more information.

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

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.

Daily Grammar Lessons

One of the best buys out there that I have found for teaching grammar and having worksheets is from this company here: [Daily Grammar](#). It cost \$6.95 for the download to your computer. Don't worry, you also get the answer keys!

You can also purchase the workbook (which is everything in the download) if you wish a hard copy as well! Those run \$26.95 plus shipping and tax. This is great for 8th grade and up!

Flocabulary

One of the things we hear most from parents is where to find spelling or vocabulary books. Well, maybe this would help you better! Flocabulary is a great website for K-8 students plus SAT vocabulary tools! These lists are free. You can download all the lists at once or pick your desired grade level. [Flocabulary Wordlists](#)

You can have your kids make a dictionary and define all the words; and have them use the words in their weekly writing assignments.

Journal Prompts for January

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 January.

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!

Philippians 4:13: New Year's Day Write a list of your resolutions. Write a letter to God asking him to bless you

Isaiah 55:9 Think of a time you didn't get something you wanted. Write a letter to God asking him why not. Be respectful! Listen to hear what he says and write that, too.

Philippians 4:7 Finish the statement: If I ever get snowed in and school is closed, here is what I would love to do.

Genesis 7 Pretend you're the hippo on Noah's Ark. Describe who is with you and what you see, hear and smell.

Luke 8:40-56 Pretend you're the 12-year-old girl whom Jesus raised from the dead. Tell what it was like.

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

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Years Day
2 Science Fiction Day	3 Fruitcake Toss Day	4 Spaghetti Day	5 Bird Day	6 Bean Day	7 Tempura Day	8 Argyle Day
9 Apricot Day	10 Save the Eagles Day	11 Human Trafficking Awareness Day	12 Marzipan Day	13 Stephen Foster Day	14 Ratification Day	15 Strawberry Ice Cream Day
16 Religious Freedom Day	17 Martin Luther King Jr Day	18 Thesaurus Day	19 Popcorn Day	20 Cheese Day	21 Squirrel Appreciation Day	22 Blonde Brownie Day
23 Pie Day	24 Compliment Day	25 Florida Day	26 Green Juice Day	27 Chocolate Cake Day	28 Blueberry Pancake Day	29 Puzzle Day
30 Croissant Day	31 Inspire Your Heart with Art 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.

New Year's Day – Make some new traditions, goals and personal commitments with your children this year. Involve them! Play games, watch football together, do something as a family.

Science Fiction Day – Many people in the world watch their favorite shows on this day. Usually the last day of vacation for many so they stay in and eat comfort foods and watch tv. In lieu of doing that with your children, make a science fiction game! Include your child's favorite reading author or science fiction show.

Fruitcake Toss Day – In 1996 a town in Colorado has a huge contest using the Fruitcake you probably got from someone you know. Not many of us have the stomach to eat Fruitcake. If you got a Fruitcake for Christmas and don't want to eat it, break your bread up into equal parts for the number of kids you have. Go to the local park and see who can throw it the farthest! Offer a treat like a hot chocolate or candy cane.

Spaghetti Day – Learn all about the history of Spaghetti and find a new recipe! There are tons out there for you to choose from. Just Google Spaghetti recipes!

Bird Day – Learn all about the local birds in your area. Visit an aviary or local bird shop. Find the foods that are best for them. Design a bird house for your backyard, and place food near it. Study the birds. Have your kids make a journal with a bird on the cover that they draw. If they are not the artist, you can download a Google image and have them copy it and color in.

Bean Day – Take a trip to the local store and check out all the various beans you can make soups from. Its amazing, did you know that you can make cake too? Check out this recipe and give it a try! [Garbanzo Bean Chocolate Cake](#)

Tempura Day – Spend some time studying the culture and background of Japanese Tempura. Make one dish you can add to rice for dinner!

Argyle Day – This celebration goes back to the 17th century. Spend some time studying this Scottish culture and when it became popular in the U.S. This has a fascinating history. Have your students design their own Argyle clothing on paper and color it in!

Apricot Day – If your child has never had an apricot, today is the day to go to the store and get some. Enjoy eating the apricot. Look up its health advantages and learn all about this unique fruit. You can also make some [Apricot Tarts with Pistachio's](#) by checking out this recipe!

Save the Eagles Day – There are over 60 species of Eagles in the world, and ironically, Hawaii has no eagles! Learn how you can help save the Eagles! Check out one towns fight to save Al and Alice [here](#).

Human Trafficking Awareness Day – This is a hard one to accept for any parent, but we must make sure that our children are prepared for the one chance that would be needed to stay safe. Trafficking is a huge issue in our country. Be prepared. Learn more at [318 Project webpage](#). Train your kids to not follow anyone they are not familiar with.

Marzipan Day – Spend some time at a local bakery and ask how Marzipan is made and ask for a demonstration. You may want to set this up in advance. Then enjoy some treats from the bakery.

Stephen Foster Day – He is the first American Composer in the U.S. and his catchy songs were celebrated yearly. In 1966 the National Society recognized him as such Composer. Spend time today finding his songs on YouTube and listening to them.

Ratification Day – You can read all about the ratification of our constitution and the treaty with Paris [Ratification](#) This article is part of the Benjamin Franklin Historical Society. A fantastic resource for your history lessons!

Strawberry Ice Cream Day – As cold as its been this winter, the thought of ice cream now is chilling! However, you may want to learn about the history of Strawberry Ice Cream and gift it a whirl with an ice cream machine! Make your own and learn what it might have been like to make Ice Cream!

Religious Freedom Day – You may want to spend some time learning why Congress put in concessions to keep Religion separate. Here is a fantast resource for you: [Religious Freedom Day](#) is a fantastic resource.

Martin Luther King Jr Day – You may know about this person and his work for equal rights. Find out more about his Civil Rights Movement and find out what the legacy he left has been inspired to do. Learn what Martin's granddaughter is promoting! [Freedom from Violence](#) and [Martin's Granddaughter](#). Powerful. One person can change the world.

Thesaurus Day – This is a wonderful way to incorporate activities into English – have the kids look up in the Thesaurus a different word than what they plan to use in their essay writing this week. Expand their knowledge!

Popcorn Day – Goes all the way back to the Aztecs! Check out the history of popcorn, make some today the old fashion way on the stovetop! If you have a glass pot put some oil in the bottom, put a layer of popcorn kernels in, turn on the heat (between medium and high) and get ready for a popcorn explosion! Try various flavorings besides melted butter. Find one everyone likes!

Cheese Day – For those who love to travel, think about going to a local dairy farm to learn how the cows are milked. If you can travel, I suggest going to the Tillamook Cheese Factory in Oregon. It's a lovely day drive, spend the night and head home the next day. Spend some time in the tour but enjoy the festivities and other comforts. If you don't know various cheeses made take time, so try a new cheese or two today!

Squirrel Appreciation Day – For some of us they are pesky critters. Others get a real joy out of watching these little creatures. There are many species of Squirrels. Learn everything you can and then as a family design an area of your backyard that will allow you to place a Squirrel Feeder! Enjoy the moments of watching nature in its habitat.

Blonde Brownie Day- Get the kids in the kitchen for a non-traditional blonde brownie day. Here is a great recipe: [Blonde Brownies](#)

Pie Day – No, this isn't the math Pi Day but actual Pie Day! Teach your kids to make the crusts from scratch and then a pie filling from great choices of blackberries, cherries, apples or another fruit. I have included in this newsletter a great crust recipe from my 1800's cookbook!

Compliment Day – Find a way to compliment someone today! It can be a card, or homemade cookies! Give without needing to get something in return!

Florida Day – Explore the state of Florida Online! You can go to the links: [Florida Parks](#) or through the [NPS](#) Learn something new today!

Green Juice Day – As we become a healthier nation, collect some green juices from the local store and do a comparison with your kids as to the one they like the best. Then get some ingredients and start making from scratch to see if you can make your own!

Chocolate Cake Day – Its hard to believe that the first Cake Mix wasn't released until the 1940's. Everything was made from scratch prior to that. Its okay to indulge occasionally. Try making mini cakes for the kids to decorate themselves! Make an extra for their friends! [Chocolate Cake Recipe](#)

Blueberry Pancake Day – I love blueberry pancakes and when I was first married, I made my own! The kids love them! Here is a recipe for you! Make pancakes for dinner tonight! [Blueberry Pancakes](#)

Puzzle Day – I grew up doing puzzles for the holidays. Helped pass time while waiting for the festivities to start. If you don't like putting puzzles together, that's okay. Here is an easy idea. Take a photocopy of a picture or artwork of your child. Paste it onto cardstock or print onto the cardstock and then make a puzzle design. Cut it out. Give to your child to put together! It's a great idea for grandparents to have something homemade they can put together, but don't forget to include a copy of the puzzle so they know what they are putting together!

Croissant Day – Making pastries can be daunting. It stumps many of the best Bakers in the world until they finally perfect their craft. Here is a recipe to allow your kids to give it a whirl in the kitchen! Who knows, maybe you have a talented baker in your family! [Croissant Recipe](#)

Inspire Your Heart with Art Day – There are so many places to be inspired with Art, that we sometimes don't remember to use them to inspire your own art. Help your child today become inspired. Check out any of these locations in your area: *

- Visit an Art Gallery
- Attend a live theatre performance
- Read a good book
- Listen to music.
- Attend a ballet performance
- Start your own masterpiece
- Teach someone to play an instrument
- Attend an art lecture
- Explore a new technique
- See an inspirational film
- Share your art with others.

I have a program for students called the Draw Squad which will give them basics of beginning drawing. If you're interested, please contact me.

Plain Pastry Recipe

2 cups flour
¾ teaspoon salt
2/3 cup shortening

Mix and sift flour and salt. Cut in the shortening with a knife. Add only water enough to hold the ingredients together. Do not knead. Divide into 2 parts and roll out thin on a slightly floured board. Line a pie pan with ½ the pastry. Pinch pastry with fingers to make a fancy edge and prick bottom and sides with a fork. Bake in a hot oven 450 for 10 minutes. Then take out, add your filling and back at 350 for up to one hour or until bubbling.

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®.