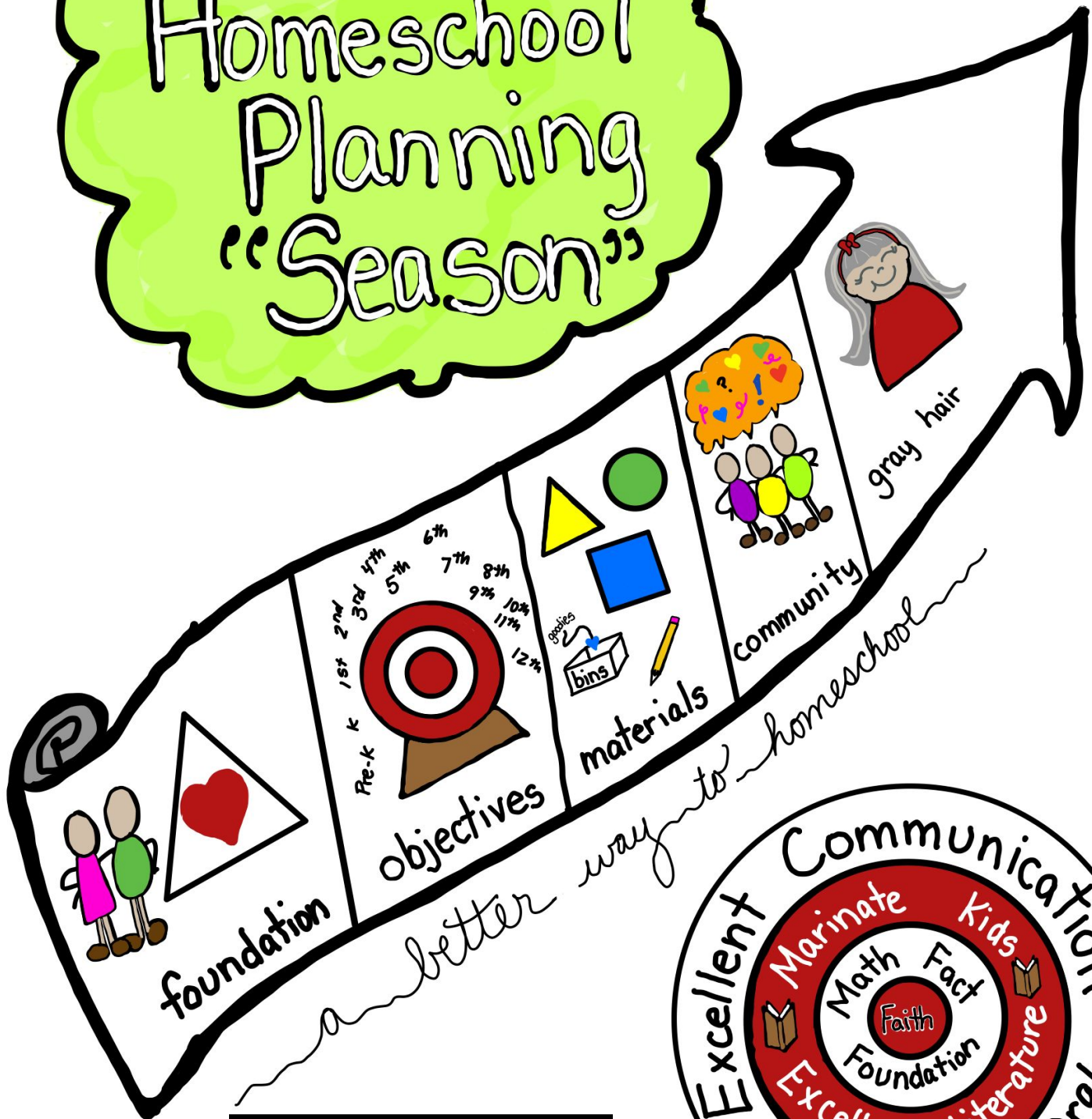


Homeschool Planning "Season"



Notes from Homeschool Planning Season video

As a homeschooler, you can expect homeschool planning season to roll around every year sometime between March and late July.

It's the perfect time to

- Reflect on last year and make adjustments
- Build your homeschool toolkit
- Look ahead at the next school year
- Collect new resources

In these notes, I will share a few links to things I have created, used, or love. Many of these are affiliate links. Those pennies help keep my coffee pot flowing so I can create more resources for you and your family!

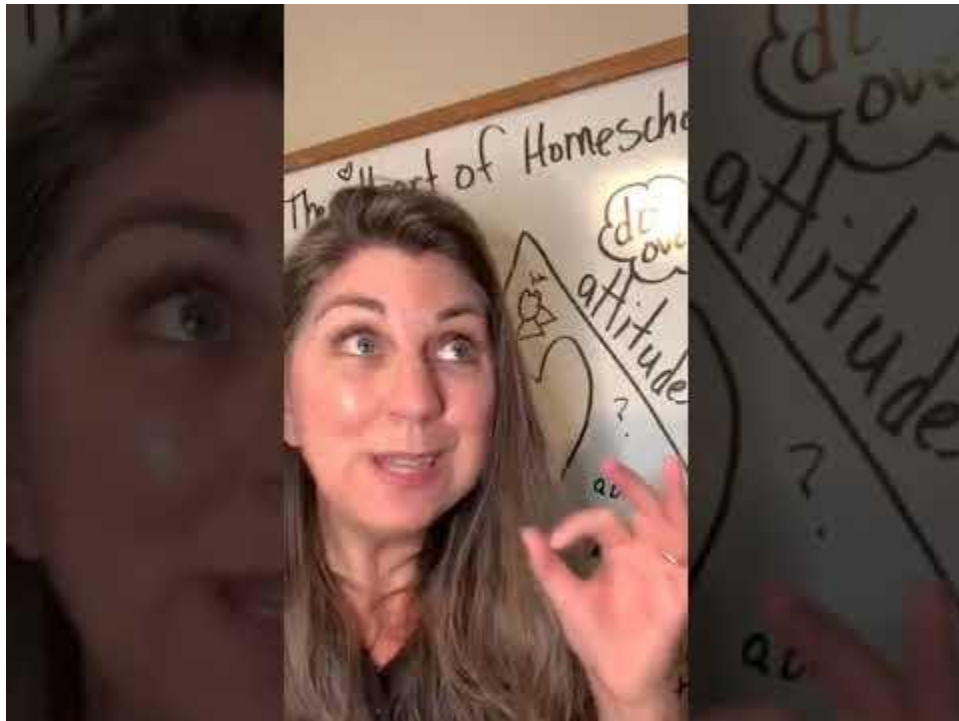
Thank you for being a part of my little corner of the internet!

Xoxo
Bekki

Foundation

Make sure your homeschool year is built on a solid foundation!

- Establish your master Homeschool Goals!
- Remember to PRIORITIZE the Holy Trinity of Homeschool: Heart, Attitude, Character.



If you need more help, resources really rolling up your sleeves, I have little book called the [Homeschooling from the Inside Out](#).

Need help with Goals? [Homeschooling with Confidence](#) is ready for you.

Objectives

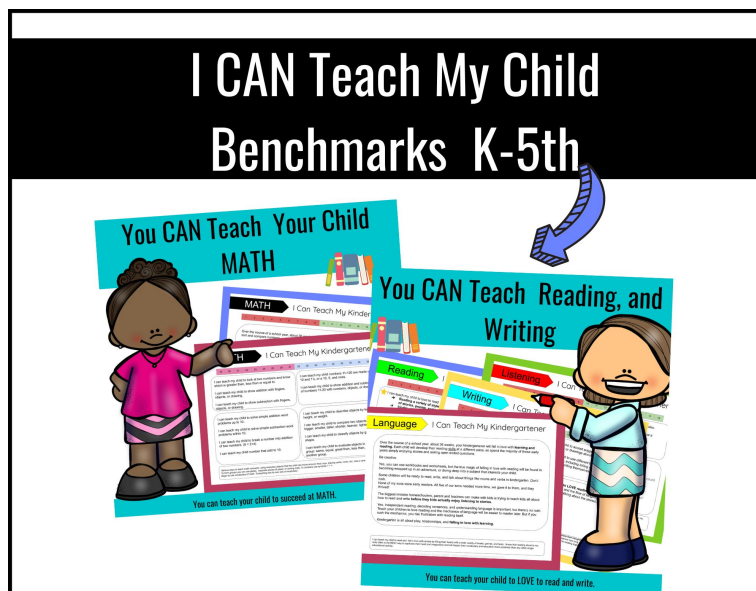
Consider the ages and grades of your kids for this upcoming school year.

CORE Subjects can typically be divided into 2-5 concepts a month that can be pencilled into your planner.

You don't need curriculum at this stage. You're just mapping out which CONCEPTS you want your kids to learn.

Need help?

I created a [I CAN Teach my Child: Benchmarks for K-5th](#) resource that combines what kids typically learn in a given year with 25 years of homeschool experience into a resource that will give you CONFIDENCE that you CAN teach you child, even if you don't know where to begin!



Materials

Don't let anyone tell you that you need any particular supply or curriculum to teach your kids! One size does NOT fit all in homeschool, and this really shows itself when we compare what I use to teach my kids with what you use to teach yours.

Here are some suggestions, or things I personally can't homeschool without.

The [world's best pencil sharpener](#), demonstrated by one of my goofy boys.



- [Busy bags](#)
- [Bins I use to store Busy Bags.](#)
- [Math Pattern Blocks](#) and goodies.
- Big White Board. I'm a visual learner/teacher. [Our white board has been a necessity!](#)
- [Notebooking pages have always been my default for teaching multiple kids!](#)

Materials: Curriculum

There are no perfect curriculum sets.

What worked for one of my kids, didn't work for another.

Consider it a great experiment. But it can be an expensive one, if you're not careful

- Set a budget between 0-\$300 per grade/set.
- Be creative.
- Use the library/audio books online.

These things I've created or used over the years.

All my printable products:

I have over 300, [so I'll just share my store.](#)

Evan Moor.

By far, my favorite publisher!

My kids enjoy their products as much as I do. [Our favorites have been the history pockets](#), but I haven't found an Evan Moor product I didn't like!

Science Subscription Crates.

I waited until my youngest was in high school before trying these.

Oh, I regret not doing them sooner!!

[Kiwi Crates](#) and [MEL Science](#).

Materials: Classes

You can find online course for almost any topic or subject.

While free is awesome, ***my kids and I get the most out of classes we've purchased.***

Weird, I know.

My top picks for online classes.

Doodle Institute.

[Being able to doodle a little drawing](#) as I am teaching is incredibly powerful. I recently found Diane and have quickly become her biggest affiliate and fan. WOW!

Doodling helps people learn and remember 29% more than just taking traditional notes. I am a HUGE ambassador for teaching kids techniques for art so they gain INSTANT mastery. [Diane makes this possible.](#)

Music in Our Homeschool

Incorporating music into learning locks information deep in the minds of our kids! [Gena is an amazing teacher.](#)

Hebrew

Many people want to teach foreign language. [Ana has fantastic resources!](#)

Community

You do not have to homeschool alone! There are so many amazing homeschoolers. Even a quick Facebook Search for your local area will help get you connected in your community!

Online Communities!

Mine are here:

A Better Way to Homeschool Email List: I share stories, encouragement and resources with my email mamas. [Visit my website and drop your name on the list!](#)

[A Better Way to Homeschool Facebook Page:](#) This is my public page.

[Our Lives as Homeschool Moms FB Page:](#) This is a closed group of homeschool moms with a heart for the Lord and Training up their kids from the Inside Out.

[Treasure Chest for Homeschool Moms:](#) This is a \$5/month paid membership/closed group. A Tight Knit community of moms. Resources, classes, printables, and goodies for you and your kids.

Other communities I adore

[Rock Your Homeschool](#)

[They Call Me Blessed](#)

[Hands On As We Grow](#)

Gray Hair

Look around. Find someone who is a few steps ahead of you on this homeschool journey.

- Ask Questions
- Glean wisdom
- Learn

One way I do this is to invest in my own learning as a professional educator. You, my friend, are a professional educator as well. Each year, fine tune your teaching skills.

I do this by attending online conferences and investing in resource kits that help me grow each year.

If you want me to let you know what is [available throughout the year, hop on my list here](#).

My top picks: fall into the categories of BUNDLES and CONFERENCES

Digital Bundles.

These are collections of printable and eBook resources; usually too many to count for a few dollars. If I can find ONE resource inside a bundle, it makes the whole bundle worth it. You don't need to love, use, or even look at everything in a bundle. ONE Golden resource. [The Ultimate Homeschool Bundle is usually released in late July](#). Many years I'm even able to toss in a product myself!

Conferences

[Charlotte Mason Inspired Conference](#): If you're looking for a homeschool conference to really give you a full toolbelt of tips, tricks, and resources... Oh, you won't regret attending this one.

Homeschool Super Hero Conference. Coming soon!! This one is free to watch live, with the ability to upgrade for almost nothing to get the goodies too! [You'll want to be on my list so you receive information](#).