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# Home Educator *Express*



Hello, THSC Friend,

We made it through Christmas! Gifts were given, songs were sung, cookies were made, and now it's time to get back into the groove of things!

It can be hard to get into the mood of doing schoolwork again after all the festivities of December...

To help banish cabin fever and simultaneously create a homeschooling environment more enticing than the new Christmas gifts waiting patiently in your kid's bedroom, let's up the ante and do some science experiments and other fun wintry activities!

Snowflakes are so fascinating, especially under a microscope.

❁ Here is a printable [science of snowflakes unit study](#).

❄️ I think my kids would enjoy making [fake snow](#), especially since in our part of Texas, real snow is scarce.

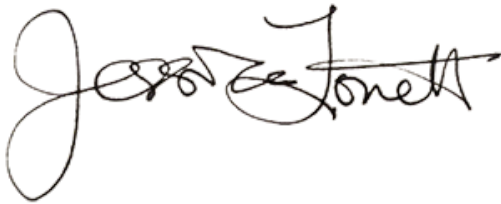
❄️ Learn more about the [variations of snowflakes](#) and how they are created.

❄️ Create [magical snowflakes](#) out of household materials!

❄️ [Snowflake Bentley](#) is a wonderful book about Wilson Bentley, the very first scientist to take photographs of snowflakes close-up and to discover their brilliance. [Here is a read-aloud](#) of the story to show your students how that passion pays off! He became the world's foremost expert on snowflakes.

❄️ Here is a [wonderful slideshow](#) of his original photographs. If you've never seen them, the detail and artistry in nature is bound to amaze.

Thank you for reading,



Jessica Lovett  
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*"Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary."* -[Galatians 6:9](#)

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# The Ultimate Guide to Homeschool Planners

Homeschool planners can really step up your homeschool game, whether you're teaching elementary school students, high school students or both! January is the perfect time to start fresh with a new planner.

Whether you like planning online or on paper, like minimalist styles or flowery stationary, check out these varied resources. [Read more...](#)

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## The Complete THSC Guide to High School Transcripts (Including a Homeschool Transcript Template)!

Don't be intimidated by the thought of creating a homeschool transcript for your student. A transcript is basically a list of courses and other credit-worthy activities your student completed in high school.

Never fear, we are here to help you create a professional, functional, and official transcript for your student.

Homeschooling high school students may seem daunting, but once you learn these simple hints for good record-keeping and review the ways to compose a winning transcript, you'll see it's really no more complicated than homeschooling elementary and middle school students.

January is a great time to take a step back and take notes of all the courses your student(s) completed over the past semester. [Read on...](#)

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## Talented to Tone Deaf: Anyone Can Teach Music Appreciation

Music appreciation and music history are important components of a homeschool arts education. Regardless of musical talent or background, any parent can incorporate music appreciation into home education. Plus, music offers so many practical, emotional, and physical benefits to students!

[Read on](#) for ways to incorporate music into your homeschool day.

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### THSC Membership *benefits* ❄️

## After the holidays, could you use some discounts?

Did you know that as a THSC member, you have access to over \$600 in exclusive discounts to many respected and highly recommended homeschool curriculum suppliers?

Discounts like:

- 20% off Alpha Omega Publications
- \$250 off enrollment in Ascend
- \$25 off enrollment in Unbound's Life Courses
- \$200 off 49-week Dual Credit at Home Study Plan
- \$50 off the Schoolhouseteachers.com Ultimate Annual Membership
- and more!



[Become a member today](#) and let the membership fee pay for itself!

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## [I Am a Homeschooler](#)

Take a peek into the lives of some real homeschooling families! While homeschoolers are all unique, they are unified in the same goal of helping their children thrive. We believe that homeschooling is the best model of education for children and that a child's parents are the best people to equip them to be the next generation's leaders.

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## [Save the Date for Called to Teach Conventions](#)

The theme for Called to Teach this year is all about freedom... Freedom to choose homeschooling for your family, to structure your home life as you see fit, and to create an environment of peace in your homeschool!

Called to Teach will have hundreds of exhibitors to let you see homeschool curriculum and resources for yourself. THSC Coaches will be on hand to answer your questions. Come find community and inspiration at Called to Teach! Speakers will be announced soon.

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## [Contributing Editor Volunteers Needed](#)

Are you skilled at refining writing? Do you have a passion for our mission of supporting Texas homeschoolers? Why not consider joining our volunteer editing team as a Contributing Editor! It's an excellent resume builder and gives you opportunities to receive mentoring from industry professionals. Find out more about being a [Contributing Editor](#)!

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## Homeschool Mentors Needed

Are you an experienced homeschool parent? Are you passionate about helping others get started homeschooling as well? THSC would love to find experienced homeschool parents who are willing to commit to a few calls per week to help families that might be getting started with this new school-at-home situation as a result of the isolation period. Find out more about being a [Homeschool Mentor](#)!

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## Patrick Henry College Scholarship

Are you applying to attend PHC in Fall 2022? [Apply for THSC's scholarship](#) today and you could be awarded \$1,000, \$2,000, or \$3,000 to help with your tuition! Be sure to apply soon - the deadline is **March 1, 2022**. Scholarship recipients will be notified by March 31, 2022!

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## Homeschooling Matters Because Families Matter

Mask mandates, Critical Race Theory, and the teaching of sexually explicit material are causing parents to step back and recognize what their children are being taught in public schools.

In a post-pandemic world, homeschooling continues to rise, and parents have become empowered to take charge of their children's education. We believe that parents have a God-given right to raise their children as they see fit, without government interference.

Check out this new, inspiring video showing real homeschooling families and what a difference that being a part of a supportive community like THSC can truly mean!

Watch Now

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Find out for yourself how a THSC membership could benefit you!

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