Home Educator Express



Hello, THSC Friend,

For me, March always sparks a desire to get organized! After having the windows tightly shut and keeping everything bundled up against wintery weather, breezy March makes me want to banish dust and bring in the sunlight!

The first place that I want to start on is the homeschool room. That's where we begin the day and the state of that room - whether it's chaotic or peaceful - seems to set the vibe for the hours that follow.

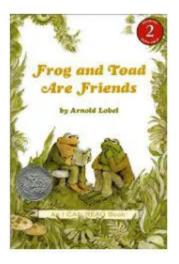
First, I love to enjoy a cup of coffee over videos, like <u>this one</u> from <u>A Place to Nest</u> or <u>this one</u> from <u>Confessions of a Homeschooler</u>, to get the creative juices flowing and garner some motivation.

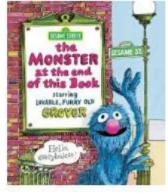
One of my homeschool mom heroes is Pam Barnhill. She has several articles to get you inspired. Here are her <u>six useful tools for organizing</u>, <u>five fantastic homeschool room hacks</u> (I'm sensing a theme here on her article titles...), and her podcast 10 Minutes to a Better Homeschool.

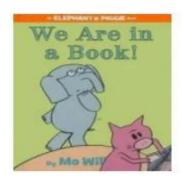
While you're getting things done, grab this <u>free 28-page book of seasonal activities</u> for your students! All themed around the month of March, this will keep them busy while they are having some screen-free learning at the same time.

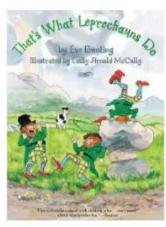
ELastly, you know I can't sign off without some book recommendations - get your <u>printable list</u> of colorful bring-in-spring favorite picture books from <u>Read-Aloud Revival</u>. A tempting stack of library books will also buy you some valuable organizing time without too many interruptions.

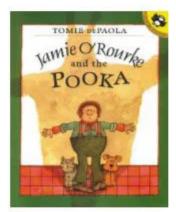
Here is a sample of a few of the wonderful recommended stories:

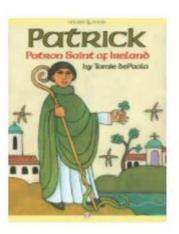




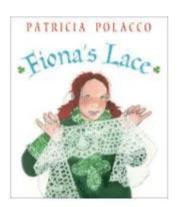


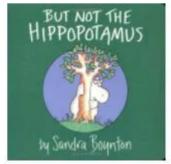












I hope these ideas help you create an environment of joy in your home and in your homeschool overall.

Thank you for reading,

Jessica Lovett
THSC Lead Editor & Writer

"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants." - Deuteronomy 32:2



Newsletters for the Grade Levels You Teach

Did you know that we have newsletters especially designed for elementary school, middle school, and high school students?

We know that your students have different levels, learning styles, and needs. Sign up today and get fun ideas delivered to your inbox to keep homeschooling fresh!

You can sign up for one or all of them, depending on the ages of your students.

Elementary

Middle School

High School

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.

You can hear from amazing speakers like Kirk Cameron, Allie Beth Stuckey, and <u>other</u> movers and shakers in the homeschool world.

Come find community and inspiration at Called to Teach!

THSC Membership benefits

As a homeschooler, THSC helps your voice be heard!

We have all heard about the politicization of the public school system and, as advocates for homeschooling, feel worried about governmental overreach into our homes. Our right to homeschool is one of the most important rights we have.

Are you looking for a way to support the homeschooling community and make sure your values are protected?

If you join THSC, you can also take comfort in knowing that you're supporting THSC's Policy Team. They work hard behind the scenes to watch every single bill in Texas that is presented to the legislature and make sure it is not undermining families. THSC also works hard to help members who have experienced prejudice for being a homeschooler - either with CPS, with governmental benefits like social security, in college admissions, or with the public school system.

<u>Become a member today</u> and do your part to help protect the homeschool community.



Local Homeschooling Roundtable Q&A

Are you in the Houston area? One of our experienced homeschool mentors is hosting a Roundtable conversation in Cypress!

Let her answer your homeschooling questions one-on-one on March 31 from 5-6 pm. The Roundtable will be held at the Northwest Branch Library. Read on for more information...



<u>Let's Make it Work –</u> <u>Social Studies Hacks for Different Learning Styles</u>

Check out our new article written by a homeschooling mom with a background in special needs education. There are lots of simple ways to make small modifications

and accommodations to make history more engaging for your students that might need a little extra help. **Read more...**



When to Call It Quits on an Elective

We all want to raise our kids to be diligent. We don't want them to be quitters or to give up too easily. That drive to teach them to be steadfast in their commitments can make it especially hard to see it sometimes when an elective choice needs to be retired...

Sometimes if lessons or extracurriculars aren't working out – be it for various reasons – it's essential to step back and reevaluate the situation. You don't want to look back and wish that you could get that wasted time back with your kids.

Several telltale signs can help you decide whether or not to stop an elective and find something different that might better suit your child and their unique personality. Read more and see what to look for...



<u>Create a Safe Internet</u> Environment in Your Homeschool

A basic requirement for today's homeschool environments is the ability to connect to the internet. Whether we're accessing science labs, doing research, engaging with other online homeschool communities, or doing a wide range of any other activities, it's safe to say that without the internet, the process would be dramatically different.

In this article (written by an internet security expert!), we will explore the various ways parents can take control of their internet environment and create family-friendly environments for their kids and anyone using the internet at their home. **Read on...**



The THSC Watchmen

Is your homeschool graduate looking for a way to become more involved in politics? Are they passionate about making a difference in the world but you're not sure where to help them start?

The THSC Watchmen are a team of homeschool graduates who serve as legislative analysts and lobbyists for Texas' homeschool families. Every single legislative session,

the THSC Watchmen work tirelessly to protect the rights of homeschool families. This is a resume-building opportunity for students to have hands-on experience while with other like-minded individuals, in a safe and controlled environment. Watchmen serve together for an entire legislative session. **Apply today!**

<u>THSC Full-time Job Opportunity:</u> <u>Development Associate</u>

THSC is currently searching for a Development Associate to join our team. In this position, the successful candidate will work remotely and be responsible for managing the integrity of THSC's donor data and developing annual, quarterly, and monthly strategies to set and achieve fundraising goals.

Interested? Learn more about this opportunity.



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 numbers continue 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 being a part of a supportive community like THSC can truly mean!

THSC Member Community

Do you wish that there was a place where you could chat with like-minded homeschool parents?

We are opening up a brand new Facebook group for both THSC members and nonmembers to be able to stay updated on important happenings in the homeschool community and help each other on their homeschool journey. Check it out today!

Home Run Ministries - Prom 2022

In Kingwood, Texas, on April 1st, Home Run Ministries is hosting a homeschool prom. Find all the details on our <u>THSC Local Events</u> page.

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