



"Homeschooling allows you the freedom to step off the highway of learning and take a more scenic route along a dirt road."
~Tamara L. Chilver

Dear THSC Friend,

Are you a summer school or a no-school-whatsoever-during the summer kind of homeschooler? Or maybe somewhere in between?

Some kids want to keep learning at full speed ahead, while others are just *done* at the end of May. *Yet, learning at our own pace is part of the beauty of homeschooling!*

Personally, I took a week off in April and June to focus on other events and travel with my kids.

Learning never stops, but it's okay to take a break from our regular schedule when needed.



Let go of summer break pressure.

"It's just not true about the whole '18 summers' thing...

Most of us have more than that with our kids. *Many* more. They just look different at different seasons of your life. And that's just as God intended."

When You Can't Do Everything: Overcoming Homeschool Burnout

"Here are a few of the ways I get myself back on track and find joy so that I can be the best version of me for my children."

[Find joy in homeschooling again!](#)



Know the Symptoms of Homeschool Burnout - and [Find the Cure!](#)

- Every day is a bad day.
- You start to feel disconnected.
- You feel emotionally exhausted.
- You feel trapped with responsibilities.
- You feel zapped of energy.
- You feel ineffectual.

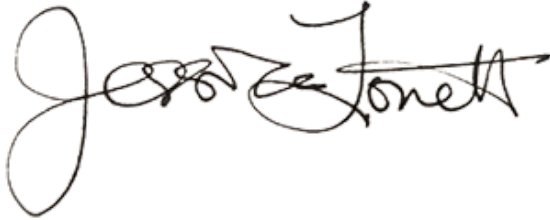
To avoid - or fix! - homeschool burnout, give yourself the grace to take time off when needed.

After all, some public schools may even only have two hours a day of actual learning time! ([source](#) and [source](#))

You are not going to fall behind when you are focusing on giving your child the best, individualized education possible.

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

Thank you for reading,



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P.S. Is there anything you'd like to see in upcoming *Home Educator Express* newsletters? Any homeschooling questions you'd like answered? Feel free to reply and let me know!



Does Homeschooling Affect Social Skills?



By: Nanette Botha, mother of 3 & behavioral expert

So many thoughts cross our minds when we think about starting the journey of homeschooling our children.

We wonder whether we are doing the right thing or doing it for the right reasons, and then just as we start to feel more settled, a friend or family member may ask questions or make comments that make us doubt ourselves all over again.

We often hear a remark about how our children would learn social skills if we “isolate” them through homeschooling. And, no doubt, it is something that we have considered time and time again.

Interestingly, research shows that homeschooled children have better results than their public school peers when tested on different aspects of their social skills.

Read on to learn three tips to ensure that your children are getting the much-needed social skills to help them succeed in life.

3 Social Skills Tips!



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