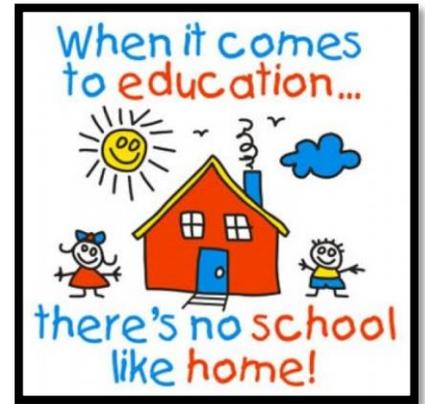


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Upcoming Events

June 3

National Donut Day

June 19

Father's Day

June 29

Camera Day – Say Cheese!

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Important Announcement

If you have something you would like included in the newsletter, feel free to email us. It could be a tip, a recipe, a homeschool experience, etc. If you have something to share, please email us and include in the subject:

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Surviving the Chaos!

Each year, around this time, I often find myself reflecting back on the year. For one, it's a time of renewal, but mostly, it's to find out how I survived the chaos that ensues as we start the second half of our school year. From January through June, I find it to be the most difficult. How did I do it? I truly cannot put it into words, other than

this: Thank goodness we aren't tied to a state-mandated attendance schedule. Through all the harrowing debates over why math is important, to the worrying over whether or not I'm doing a good job, I can sit back at the end of the school year and know that my children are protected, loved, and learning – even though they are not stuck in a book – because learning doesn't stop once the school year does. What it does do, however, is to allow us to learn organically – without the stressfulness of tests – because slowing down to learn is sometimes better than how much material you can cover in 180 days.

Homeschool in the News

What Not to Say to a Homeschool Mom

Believe it or not, there are people who do not feel that homeschool is school at all. And with those folks come a torrent of phrases that are on the homeschool mom's "Heavy Sigh List". Writer Kellie Daab of the *Huffington Post* recently wrote an article about what not to say to homeschool parents. It is an interesting [read!](#) Have you ever been on the receiving end of one of these statements? I have for a few of them, although I can't say I was gracious with all of my responses.

Homeschooling on the Rise

According to ABC News, homeschooling is a trend that is steadily climbing the charts. The news article states, "...According to a recent study by the U.S. Department of Education, the number of homeschoolers has risen from 360,000 in 1994 to 850,000 in 1999. Many experts put the figure closer to 2 million" ([ABC News](#)). The reported numbers surprised me and I find the latter figure to be more realistic. What about you? Does it surprise you to know that you are one of the families venturing life through this crazy ride known as homeschool?



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For the Teacher

Tired of trying to keep up with lesson plans? Does grading slow you down? If you answered yes to either of these questions, consider using **Homeschool Tracker Basic®**. This [free software](#) download allows you to input lessons, points possible, attendance records, field trips, etc. The ability to create on-the-spot report cards is phenomenal.

Happy
Father's
Day!

