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#### Dear Reader,

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It's that time of year again. The time when a change is in the air. A time to enjoy the end of one season and the beginning of another. It's County Fair time. It's baking time! It's slow down time for nature, and why not take advantage of such easier pace, to enjoy a little more family time?

One of my favorite things to do in the September is to start my fall baking list. I write down all of my family's favorite dishes, and begin putting together a calendar for preparing them. What better way to enjoy those delicious treats than with a movie? Our all-time fall favorite is Charlotte's Web, and the theme of this month's freebie!

On the blog, I discuss the following ideas: How might you incorporate living in your learning home? Also, are you doing all you can to promote those life skills your child needs? Lastly, in an effort to bring you a multitude of options, I have pulled together a Resource Round-Up just for you!

Be sure to read the blog for these topics and grab some ideas.



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# **Homeschool News**

#### Regulations that affect Individualized Growth

The Homeschool Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) came to battle for one Pennsylvania family when the Superintendent tried to force a third grade homeschool student back to 1st grade. According to Dan Beasley, the school district refused to issue an "approval letter" to the family, who had been homeschooling their child for some time and who was entering the 3rd grade, but because of his age, 8 years old, the school recognized the age as a 1st grader due to having reached the mandatory age for school attendance. The website states, "School officials objected to the family listing their child in 3rd grade and refused to issue an "approval" letter. They insisted that the family teach him at the 1st grade level or document evidence of readiness for 3rd grade in the form of work samples or progress reports" (HSLDA, 2016).

Additionally, the issue of seeking "approval" from any school official is not required by any homeschool family, however, notice of intent to homeschool is required prior to the beginning of the public school year. NOTE: Please see your state's homeschooling laws for specific information regarding notice of intent requirements.

## SPOTLIGHT: Arkansas Fights for Homeschool Rights

Homeschool Families in Arkansas, along with the Education Alliance, began making calls to the Arkansas Department of Education and to Governor Hutchinson's office to address some important issues in policies that were being upheld, although they were "...outside of the scope of state law, or created unnecessary problems for home schoolers" (Education Alliance, 2016). After an August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting between several key officials, the list of concerns was addressed and agreements were made to resolve them.

According to their Facebook post, Education Alliance stated that, in addition to other issues, the ADE resolved to change areas of the NOI (Notice of Intent) forms, to correct information regarding the "Tim Tebow" Law, and to contact the ASP to clarify what information is needed in order to obtain an Arkansas Driver's License.

We are forever thankful for those bodies who work diligently to protect homeschool families everywhere!





## Links and Free Resources

Be sure to check out Generation Homeschool for the newest freebies for kids and parents!

#### Encouragement

Remember life before kids? That moment in time when you had all the time in the world? When cleaning house was a brief duty and doing what you enjoyed became the bulk of your day. Often times, we forget that our children are more than just "our time". They are our reason for doing all that we do. They are our love, our joy, and our reward.

When you are feeling tired, exhausted, or think you cannot go on, remember, you wouldn't be all that you are without them.

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak" "Isaiah 40:29



#### Fruit Pizza

#### Ingredients:

- I roll Sugar Cookie Dough
- I tub cool whip, thawed.
- l container Lemon Yogurt
- Various fresh fruits (Strawberry, peaches, blueberries, etc.)

#### Directions

- 1. Roll sugar cookie dough onto pizza pan, flatten and cook according to instructions. Cool for I hour at room temperature. (For softer 'crust' cook shorter time).
- 2. Fold yogurt into cool whip and spread over cookie crust.
- 3. Top with fresh fruits. Cut and serve.



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### Fruit Smoothie

#### Ingredients:

- I frozen banana, peeled, sliced
- 2 cups frozen strawberries, raspberries, or cherries
- I cup milk
- ½ cup plain or vanilla yogurt
- ½ orange juice
- 2 to 3 tablespoons honey, or to taste

#### Directions:

1. Put all ingredients into a blender and process until smooth. Pour into glass and serve

# Egaplant Lasagna

#### Ingredients

- 2 to 3 large eggplants, peeled, & sliced into 1/2" slices, baked at 350° F for 15 minutes.
- 2 jars chunky pasta sauce
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 11b. browned and drained around beef
- 1 lb. browned and drained ground sausage
- Optional sliced mushrooms, sautéed onions, black olives, cottage cheese, ricotta cheese, etc.

#### Directions

- I. Assemble lasagna as you would traditional lasagna replacing the lasagna pasta with the egaplant.
- 2. Continue layering all ingredients. Top with shredded mozzarella cheese.
- 3. Bake 375°F for 25 to 40 minutes or until desired tenderness.









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