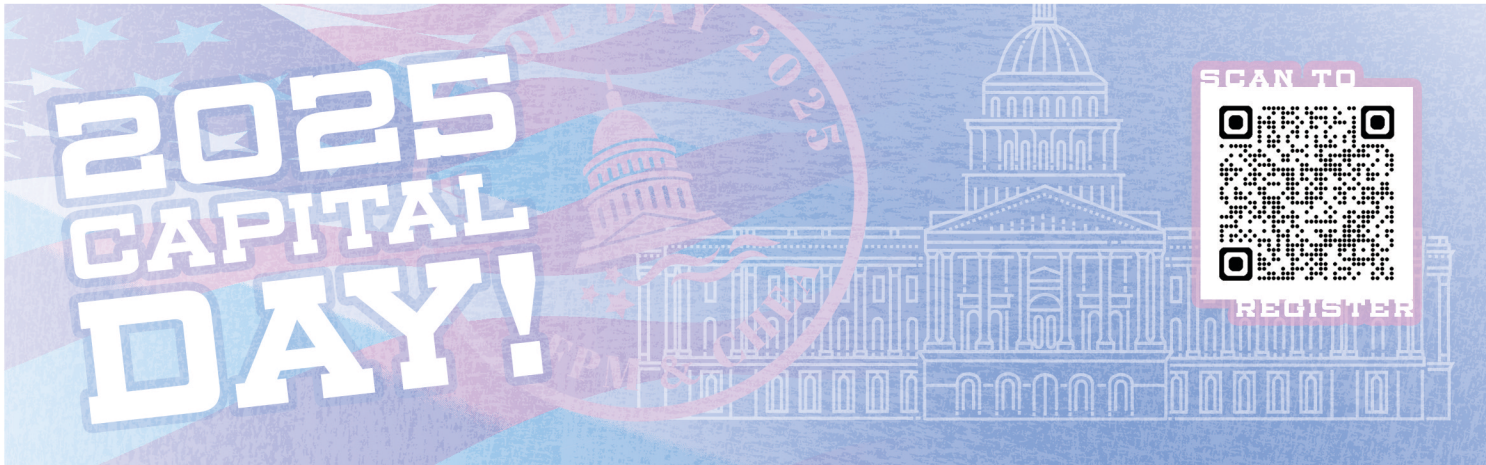




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Each year, Revival Homeschool joins with Family Protection Ministries and dozens of other homeschool families from around California to enter the state capitol and visit all 40 senators and 80 assembly members' offices to bring awareness to private homeschooling. Because you are a homeschooler, you, too, are invited to join us!

INFORMS

It informs newly elected legislators and their staff and reminds veteran legislators of the benefits of private homeschooling.

STRENGTHENS

It strengthens our professional working relationship with them.

POINT OF CONTACT

It leaves them with a way to contact us if they ever have any questions about home education.

EDUCATES

It educates private homeschool families on the inner workings of the legislative process, trains them on how to advocate for homeschooling freedoms, and gives them a hands-on learning experience in government as they visit legislators' offices at the capitol.

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Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates. - DEUTERONOMY 6:5-9

KEEPING A GRADEBOOK

by Michelle Becerra

I know some homeschool parents don't grade their kids, but it's beneficial to grade as it gives us an unbiased, accurate assessment of our student's learning and progress throughout the year. Let me explain how to set up your grade book and how to grade:

HOW TO SET UP A GRADE BOOK BY SUBJECT:

1. Create Sections for Each Subject

- Divide the grade book into separate sections or pages for each subject you teach (e.g., Math, Science, English).
- Label each section clearly at the

top of the page or tab if using a digital grade book.

2. List Student Names

- On the left side of each section, list all students' names in a column. Use the same order for consistency across subjects.

3. Create Columns for Assignments

- Across the top of the section, create columns for assignments, quizzes, tests, and projects within that subject.
- Label each column with:
 - **Assignment Name** (e.g., *Math Quiz 1*, *Science Homework 2*)

- **Date** (e.g., 9/12/24)
- **Type of Work** (e.g., Quiz, Homework, Test).

4. Record Scores

- For each student, write their score under the corresponding column. Examples:
 - **Fractions:** 18/20
 - **Percentages:** 90%
 - **Points:** 18

5. Track Categories (Optional)

- If you weigh grades differently (e.g., Homework = 30%, Tests = 50%), group columns by categories to make averaging easier later.

6. Leave Room for Totals and Averages

- Reserve a column on the far right to total scores and calculate averages for the subject.

HOW TO GRADE

Count Correct Answers

Write down the number of questions you got right at the top of a fraction.

Example: If you got 21 correct, write 21/.

Write Total Questions

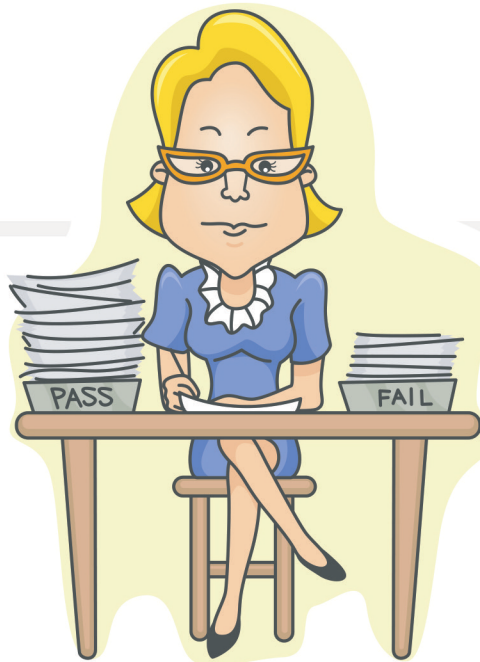
Add the total number of test questions at the bottom of the fraction.

Example: If the test had 26 questions, write 21/26.

Calculate the Percentage

Divide the top number by the bottom number using a calculator.

Example: $21 \div 26 = 0.8077$.



Convert to Percentage

Multiply the result by 100 or move the decimal two places to the right.

Example: $0.8077 \times 100 = 80.77\%$.

Find the Letter Grade

Use this scale to convert percentages:

- A = 93–100%
- A- = 90–92%
- B+ = 87–89%

- B = 83–86%
- B- = 80–82%
- C+ = 77–79%
- C = 73–76%
- C- = 70–72%
- D+ = 67–69%
- D = 63–66%
- D- = 60–62%
- F = 0–59%

Simplified Grading Scale

- A = 90–100%
- B = 80–89%
- C = 70–79%
- D = 60–69%
- F = 0–59%

Final Class Grade

Assign points: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1. Add up the points for all assignments. Divide the total points by the number of assignments.

KEEPING YOUR KIDS' PAPERWORK:

A SIMPLE SYSTEM FOR HOMESCHOOLERS

As homeschool parents, keeping track of your children's work is not only a great way to monitor progress but can also be a helpful record for the future. Whether you need it for academic reviews, personal reflection, or to meet requirements, having an organized system will make life easier.

At *Revival Homeschool*, we recommend keeping a sampling of your kids' graded assignments and workbooks in a 2-3 inch, 3-ring binder for each child. Here's how to set up and maintain this system:

- 1. Start with a Binder:** Choose one binder per child. Label the binder clearly with their name and the school year.
- 2. Use Subject Dividers:** Separate the binder into sections for core subjects (e.g., Math, Language Arts, History, Science). This makes it easy to locate and review work.
- 3. Add Monthly Samples:** Place a few graded or completed assignments into the binder each month. You don't need to keep everything — just a sampling that showcases their progress and accomplishments.
- 4. Keep It Manageable:** Be selective about what you save. Prioritize assignments that reflect their growth, unique achievements, or areas of improvement.
- 5. Long-Term Storage:** Keep the binders for the duration of your child's schooling. These records can be a wonderful resource for transcripts, portfolios, or even

cherished memories of their learning journey.

This simple system ensures that your child's hard work is preserved in an organized, efficient way if you ever need to provide proof of their education. It also provides peace of mind, knowing you have a clear record of their academic progress throughout their homeschool years.



A Time for Rest

by Trisha Kerwin

The holidays are now over, the decorations are all put away, a new year has begun, and all I can think about is taking a nice nap. Christmas is the best time of year, but it sure can wipe me out. By the time I

get that last Christmas decoration put away, I am ready to hibernate for the winter. I must admit that as lovely as that nap sounds, I usually will not take one.

I often need to remember to stop and take a break.

I get wrapped up in schoolwork, chores, classes, and figuring out what's for dinner. The Lord calls us to rest and desires that we rest in Him.

Matthew 11:28 says, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." It is so important to stop and take a moment for ourselves. When I do take a moment for myself, I feel so much better mentally and physically, and that allows me to continue to do my best with all the work I have for the day.

This month, please take some time for yourself and rest, even if it is just for fifteen minutes. Did you know that a fifteen-minute break can significantly benefit the mind? It restores focus and energy, reduces stress, improves memory and learning, and promotes well-being.

To help you free up some of your time and give your kids something fun to do, I have included a straightforward and easy craft for you to do with your kids at home. It only takes two ingredients, and you more than likely already have them in your home. It doesn't take long to make, and once it is finished, let the kids have fun with it while you find some much-needed rest for yourself. Enjoy.



Cloud Dough

By: *The Best Ideas for Kids*

Materials

- ½ cup of lotion or baby lotion
- 1 cup of cornstarch
- (Optional: food coloring)
- Wax paper

Instructions

1. Add ½ cups of lotion to a bowl. If using food coloring, add 1-2 drops.
2. Mix the lotion and food coloring until combined.
3. Add 1 cup of cornstarch and mix until combined.
4. Then, please take out the dough and place it on wax paper. Knead it with your hands. (You may want gloves so your hands don't get stained from the food coloring) Keep kneading until it forms a dough-like consistency.

This may take 5 to 10 minutes. It will feel really sticky at first; keep kneading. If, after kneading for the entire length of time, it is still too sticky, add another table-spoon of cornstarch. If it is too crumbly, add a tiny amount of lotion at a time and knead it in until it becomes the right consistency. Once your cloud dough is finished, you can use cookie cutters and rolling pins to play with it.

To Store

To help the dough last longer, wrap it in plastic wrap and store it in an airtight container. If it dries out, add a few extra squirts of lotion to it and knead it back in.

