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What Age Could I Start Homeschooling?



Homeschooling technically begins at birth. We encourage our babies to sit up, teach them how to talk, and we don't give up on teaching them to walk. These basic skills no one considers homeschooling, but as a parent you were instrumental in encouraging your beautiful child to learn these skills. This same determination and patience should be applied to education. But how do we know when to start? This is a key question and the answer can be different for each child we have. Girls are ready at a different time than boys. Sometimes younger children want to "do school" because they want to "catch up" with older siblings. So, they might be ready sooner than an older child with no example to follow. Or the benefit of the oldest getting all the attention from Mom and Dad can make them ready before the youngest who didn't.

When homeschooling young children, sitting in a chair with pencil and paper is rarely the best place to start. Reading stories snuggled up on the couch is an amazing way to begin homeschooling. By that definition, I began homeschooling when my oldest was about 4 months old. We had the best board book, *Pajama Time* by Sandra Boynton. A friend of my mother-in-law gave us the book. I thought it was crazy to start reading so soon! However, we turned the book into a little song and our oldest loved it. It was a favorite book for all our little ones for years.

[<click here to read entire story>](#)

What's Up with PED?



PED has received the third page form for many families. Several families have already received a letter from PED indicating that they needed to submit all three pages. However, since so many people have sent in only page three as part of our protest, PED is discussing with their attorneys the legality of their requirements vs. our protest submissions. Once they have decided what their course of action, they will notify those of us who sent in only page three of the PED form. We will keep you posted as we learn more.

CAPE Fall Retreat First Deadline this Week



What is the CAPE FALL FAMILY RETREAT? It is a special weekend for families.
A time to relax,
A time to fellowship with other homeschool families,
A time to have a Mom's night out and Dad's time to talk,
A family game night,
An afternoon of family time,
and so much more.

The CAPE Fall Family Retreat registration is ongoing. The first deadline is this weekend. After this weekend, we cannot guarantee rooms; Sacramento will open the rooms we have to other groups. To guarantee your spot, sign up now.

To get more information, go to www.cape-nm.org/fall-family-retreat/. Need to find a cheaper alternative? Bring a camper or an RV. Food costs a problem? Bring your own food and fix it yourself. Refrigerators and microwaves are available in common rooms. Don't let the cost keep you from a great weekend. We look forward to you joining us.

CAPE Back to School Picnic - August 4th



The 2nd Annual CAPE Back to School Picnic is on August 4th at the park next to Hoffmantown Church in Albuquerque at the corner of Harper and Ventura. Come join us for an afternoon of fellowship. CAPE will provide the hotdogs and burgers. Please bring a side dish to share. For more information and to RSVP go to www.cape-nm.org/back-to-school-picnic/

CAPE-NM Calendar



August 1, 2018 Registration Deadline with the state ([see the recent blog post](#))

August 4, 2018 [CAPE- NM Back to School Picnic](#)

October 19-21, 2018 [Fall Family Retreat](#)
Registration currently open

February 4-8, 2019 [TeenPact Leadership School](#)

February 7, 2019 [CAPE at the Capitol](#)

Graduation and convention dates for 2019 are changing. Stay tuned for details

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