

Homeschool Planning Chat Log

Name	Message
Melissa	Hey Mystie
Catie	Hello ladies! :)
Helen	Hi everyone...looking forward to this.
Jessica	Hey there from Alabama
Melissa	My chat link isn't working
Dawn Garrett	I see familiar handles!
Sarah Ronk	Hi from Indiana!
Mama Rachael	Hi MamaRachael from Texas. 1 in kindergarten and a 1month old baby
Jillian	Hey!
Lindsay	Hello from Kansas.
Sarah Ronk	4 kids -homeschooling 2
Catie	In Wisconsin :) Have an 8, 6 and 3 year old and one on the way!
Katrina	Homeschooling for 4 yrs. Three in school now. In MT
Helen	Oops! I,m in Oregon. 3 years with two dear daughter .
Jessica	Third year. 11, 8, and 1.5 year old
Rebecca	Hi. I'm joining from NC. Homeschooling one seven year old and mom to a two year old as well.
Kortney Garrison	beautiful ig pics today Sarah Ronk
Amy	Hello from TN. Homeschooling four - 8, 6, 5, and 3 yo!
Ann-Marie	Hi everyone :)
Terri	Hey y'all from Richmond, VA!!
Lindsay	1 in first grade and three other youngers
Kendall	in SC - this is our 5th year homeschooling...13, 11 schooling and 3 and 1 causing chaos :)
Melissa	I'm here, but your link isn't working
kelly	Hello, from South Carolina. 18 yrs homeschooling and one left to go, she is 9
Lindsay	3rd year
Celeste	Celeste in CA!
Stacey	Stacey from WI 5 boys (12 down to 3). 6th year homeschooling.
Michelle	Hi from New Hampshire! I habve three boys, ages 6, 3, and 1 month.
Melissa	ok
Heather	Houston, tx - 4 kids (9, 6, 4, 18 mo)
Catie	Hi Celeste! :)
Kendall	yes...praying for our coastal SC friends....thankfully we are in the upstate :) Matthew looks to be a bear....
Leisa	Hello everyone! Just starting out with a 5 year old and a 3 year old tagging along
Sarah	Hi from Atlanta - three kids, 6, 4, and 1.
Celeste	Hi ladies!

Melissa	right, I got the separate e-mail, but the screen is just black
Jenn	Hi! I'm Jenn from California. I have one baby boy and we plan to homeschool
Stacey	Also from Atlanta!
Melissa	ok, it didn't come yet
Melissa	it worked on Sat
Sarah	Yay, Stacey! 🍷🍷
Heather	Hi from GA (though I'm in VA right now)
Melissa	ok
Melissa	ok
Celeste	You ladies all look so pretty today!
Melissa	still didn't get the links
Donne	Hi from South Africa
Catie	We're close to you! We live about an hour north of Madison. :)
Heather	Hi, Dawi
Donne	Ho from South Africa
Celeste	Ha! Sweet.
Catie	Lvoe seeing the pics on Instagram! < 3
Catie	the BABY pics. :D
Celeste	Agree with Catie -- the Cora pics are the best. :)
Mama Rachael	i need baby advice!
Catie	#babyfever
Virginia Lee Rogers	Thank you ladies! Y'all are the sweetest!
Catie	YES. Decision fatigue is the WORST. Planning helps so much!
Sarah Ronk	we do the same! Love having that break week every 6!
Catie	You're my hero.
Celeste	Totally my style too, VL!
Catie	LOL. That's where we differ!!
Catie	There's not much slience in our home.
Terri	Love the 6 weeks on, one week off schedule, too. Break week is next week, and I am READY!!!
Katherine	Hi, from Harwood, Texas
Katherine	This is our off week!!!! 🎉
Heather	On vacation during our week off right now! 😍
Amy	This is our off week, too!
Dawn Garrett	Loving your pictues, Heather :)
Catie	Wow! That's not very long!
Sarah Ronk	on our off/break week here too!
Jenn	How do you spell that curriculum? Is is Amplified? Ample Side?
Brittany	Ambleside
Leisa	Ambleside

Dawn Garrett	AmblesideOnline
Mariah	I plan like that too, Virginia! Planning is such a distraction for me if I try to do it when we are in 'learning' m
Patty	Off week here too!
Catie	LOL
Jenn	Thank you!
Patty	Ambleside Online
Virginia Lee Rogers	@vlcjrogers
Leisa	Snack list would be great!! That's where my decision fatigue comes in!
Catie	I'd love the snack list too! :)
Virginia Lee Rogers	YES, Mariah! Goo to know there's others out there. =)
Virginia Lee Rogers	OK, Catie. I'll get it to you.
Mystie Winckler	On the 6-week on 1-week off schedule: http://www.simplyconvivial.com/2015/year-round-homeschooling
Catie	Ooh! Homeschool choir! That's so awesome!
Jillian	During a "baby year," when do you feel like you've found a new 'normal'?
Terri	Paper and pen/pencil, here, too. Ol' school style. Definitely digitally-challenged!! ;)! ;)
Jenn	I don't have an instagram. Do you have a link for the snack listdirectly?
Virginia Lee Rogers	Jenn,
Virginia Lee Rogers	I don't. But I could email it to you. Would that work?
Jenn	Yes, please. fugal mama15 AT gmail DOT com. Thank you!
Virginia Lee Rogers	Got it Jenn! =)
Mystie Winckler	Dawn has a Periscope about her scheduling: https://www.periscope.tv/ladydusk/1zqKVzOmveDKB
Mama Rachael	I tend towards planning a week at the most. b/c I just don't know what Little Man, 5, will be ready for
LaToya	I see the chart
Sarah Ronk	I saw the chart
Leisa	I see the chart
Mama Rachael	I like the idea of planning a year, but its daunting
Mama Rachael	I see the chart
Kim	Yes I see it
Juliana	I see the spread sheet
Sarah	I see the chart
LaToya	I used to do very detailed yearly plans. Now my yearly plan is a list of topics and books and I lightly plan by
Brittany	Mama Rachael, same here... it seems so huge to plan the whole year at once!
LaToya	We are trying something new this year. Term 1 we are doing a years worth of History. Next term will be Sci
Betsy	I'm a year-at-a-time planner (pretty much) and then I basically just follow my own directions, adapting as n
nina	I love Mystie's interval planning method. Planning 6 weeks at a time is much more doable.
Catie	We take a break after Circle Time too :)
Stacey	When do you finish school then?
Leisa	6 weeks on 1 week off is so great!
Catie	I love the 6wk/1wk sched too!

nina	Leisa, that's what we're trying this year. I'm so excited for it!
LaToya	I want to try Ambleside but I can't figure out what year to put each of my boys in. Any tips?
Terri	Weekly planing here, too. I have a general idea of what I'd like to cover during a 6-week term, but I flesh it
Heather	I plan yearly but adjust each term.
nina	Timers are amazing! Even for housework!! :)
Leisa	I love timers! They make life with kids so much better!
Heather	@Dawn, break after circle time is awesome idea!!!
Stacey	I love timers too! And my kids think it's a treat when they are "old enough" to get their own timers. Lol
nina	@Stacey that's a great idea! :)
Dawn Garrett	@LaToya ... What ages are your kiddos? The AO forum has a lot of wonderful ladies who can help with pla
Betsy	I do a hybrid year 4/5 for my kids (ambleside) b/c they are fourth and fifth grade. I just sort of mix and match
LaToya	10 and 8
Dawn Garrett	@LaToya I'd look at Year 3 and Year 4
Sarah Ronk	I love the sound of this coop!
LaToya	Thanks Dawn
Heather	Yes!!! Co-op has helped motivate my kids!
Jessica	I love that idea of a 6 week co op!
Celeste	We have done the same thing lately, with 6-week session activities. So much easier to handle for me.
Catie	LOL
Celeste	Hahaha!
Celeste	It is funny how much of planning is personality based. For some people it seems overwhelming to plan a y
Mystie Winckler	so true Celeste!
Catie	I was thinking the same thing, Celeste!
nina	@Celeste it's so true
Virginia Lee Rogers	Yes, Celeste. I think if you try to plan in a way that is at odds with your personality it will not go well.
Catie	Personality matters SO MUCH
Mariah	Very true! I will wave my type A flag with pride! ;-)
Beth	Anyone who blogs write about what planning styles match what personalities yet?
Catie	YOu should listen/read Mysties' Homeschool moms personality post :)
nina	@Beth Mystie does! She has some great posts about it. I just read them a few days ago.
Terri	Spiral notebooks!!!! YES!!!! :)
Mystie Winckler	In the works, Beth. :D
Celeste	Here's one about temperament: http://wildflowersandmarbles.com/2016/01/15/planning-series-know-thyself/
LaToya	I bought my oldest a planner. My younger one uses the checklist from Pam's Plan Your Year kit
Mystie Winckler	www.simplyconvivial.com/2016/homeschool-personality
Beth	@Ninq-will look for those, have not gotten past the organization posts yet! :)
Catie	I could NOT write it out every day. :) I'm trying a new thing sthis year--I print ONE schedule for 6 weeks :)
Heather	Evernote for lists + printing out some & spiral notebooks.
Sarah Ronk	I use spiral notebooks -but write out weekly (3rd and 1st grade)

Catie	We use AO too, but I scrunch up some of the books, if that makes sense :)
Celeste	Same here, Kortney.
Leisa	I do a weekly checklist, then I fill in what we did for each item
nina	@Beth I recently discovered Mystie's blog and I've been devouring the organization posts. I love her podca
Celeste	LOL So true!
Beth	@nina - Agree!
Brittany	I use spiral notebooks and write out the next day on the day we work but I don't really like the way it's work
Leisa	I will have to try that Virginia!! My daughter wants a checklist but ignores a paper version
Terri	@Leisa, that;s a great idea!
Stacey	@Brittany, what don't you like?
Brittany	@Stacey, I like the simplicity of it, it can be a lot of writing though and I don't like doing it all so last minute.
Catie	LOL
Catie	Gotta love those literal kids. :/
Celeste	I have a couple of those. :)
Stacey	@Brittany, lol, I can appreciate that! What about printing off repeating lists instead and just writing in the ne
Brittany	Yes, I really think printing off a standard list would work better,!
Catie	That's kind of what I do, Stacey :)
Kim	Rather than using spiral notebooks, my husband has gotten me setup with an online application called Asa
Catie	It's been working well for us so far!
Stacey	@Brittany, I felt a similar way about the spiral notebooks, although my kids liked it. They like knowing exact
Kendall	that sounds cool Kim! :)
Stacey	That's why a hybrid of digital and handwritten works well for us...best of both worlds, at least for now. :)
Catie	Love it!
Heather	One of mine is currently checking in with me after each subject so we can work on learning to be focused.
Stacey	Yes, so agree, Mystie! We all like to see the end is in sight! ;)
Elizabeth	Hi from outside Seattle WA. Homeschooling mom with 6 1/3 kids.
Stacey	Hi Elizabeth!
Catie	Once again I see that I'm expecting too much from my 8 yo. Poor, poor dear. :(
Heather	
nina	I will say my 3 & 5 year olds are very motivated by natural M&Ms. hahaha! They ask me to teach them mo
Terri	I've got a 7 and a 5 year-old here. Still need to be pretty hands on with their time management.
Stacey	@Catie, what do you mean by that? Do you think you're expecting him to manage his own time to much fo
Catie	Yes, I tend to give her too much responsibilty. Because she's very capable and *Can* do a lit on her own. (
nina	@Elizabeth I'm in WA, too!
Heather	 GET OUTSIDE helps!
Catie	I think I need to have more of a "wer're still in training" mindset :)
Beth	How do you get them back to focus after break, I cringe to give them a break because it takes so much eff
Stacey	@Catie - gotcha
Catie	Good point, Kortney :)

Heather	@Beth, mine loose a break if they can't get back to it when it's time to wirk
Catie	Decision. Fatigue.
Catie	SHARE the LOAD (LOTR reference)
Heather	@Beth, also SHORT breaks help. Long breaks after all done. No screen time helps
Dawn Garrett	Just like we have different planning styles our children need them too.
Stacey	bwahaha! I can hear the voice! @Catie
Beth	@ heather - thanks! will try all suggestions :)
Catie	LOL!
Heather	Yes- respect their personalities! 💕
LaToya	Beth what about a transition activity? When my boys were younger I would give them a short snack (grand
Leisa	@Nina where are you in Washington?? I am too
Catie	That Samwyse
nina	San Juan Islands
LaToya	Gave them time to collect themselves and get ready for more school
Leisa	I love that idea LaToya!
Heather	@Beth exercise makes great break time for boys. :)
Catie	Love that, Melissa < 3
nina	@Leisa whereabouts do you live?
Celeste	Enjoyed this! Thanks!
Stacey	He is so WISE! Always. And not just for a gardener!
Sarah Ronk	thank you all!!
Heather	thanks, ladies!!!!
Catie	RIGHT!?!?!?
Amy	Thank you, ladies!
Leisa	Prosser. I'm not far from Mystie actually
Catie	Thanks so much, ladies! Loved hearing all the ideas!
Betzy	Awesome chat! Thank you soo much ladies!