

## Hope these are helpful!

~Liesl

## Back to School: Homeschool Checklist

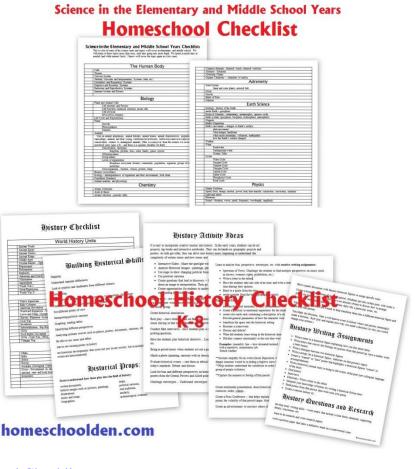
Summer Bucket List		
Orga	nize the homeschool area	
	Toss old papers	
•	Go through your homeschool drawers or workboxes and purge the stuff you know won't use next year or organize that stuff so you can find it again math nipulatives, history or science sorting cards, etc.	
	Donate/sell curriculum & text books	
	Donate/sell fiction books the kids have outgrown	
	Donte/sell old board games the kids have outgrown	
	Do a deep vacuuming/cleaning session	
roo	Rearrange the furniture: Think about each child's work space. Where will they do r independent work – in the kitchen, dining room, the homeschool room, their own m? Where will you all work together? Do things need to be changed up now that the sare older?	
Shop	ping for School Supplies	
	Notebooks	
	3-ring binders, dividers	
	Pencils & Pens	
	Art supplies (crayons, markers, scissors)	
□ stic	General homeschool supplies – hole puncher, 3-hole punch, stapler & staples, glue ks, glue, rubber bands, paper clips, binder clips, push pins	
П	Sticky note page markers	

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	Laminator, laminating sheets (we use these a lot for review)		
□ lang	Dry erase markers (we play a lot of review bingo for everything from foreign aguage words, to famous figures in history and more!)		
	Check the Printer & buy supplies - printing paper, toner/ink		
	School on the go:		
	☐ Utility tote for hauling books to the library, to appointments, etc.		
	☐ Portable DVD player (we bought a multi-region DVD player since we purchase German movies to supplement our German language learning our foreign language)		
	☐ Movies (documentaries, history) for on the go		
	☐ Books on tape for on the go (Story of the World or anything by Jim Weiss is great!)		
	Science supplies (test tubes, beakers, scale,		
	Check the Printer & buy supplies - printing paper, toner/ink		
Che	eck out the other Homeschool Supply List on pages 11-13.		
Prep	aring for your units		
	☐ Ask the kids what they want to study this year.		
	☐ Think back to the units you've done the few years and make a mental note of what units you've covered in history & science. (Or use the checklist provided in the free homeschool planner.)		
	Homeschool Planning for Next Vear		
	☐ Look over the unit possibilities and determine if there are topics you have never covered, that the kids are old enough for now.		

	Look at the units you covered several years ago. Ask your kids if they
rem	nember going over that material. If they don't, it might be time to circle around
to t	hat again.
	Ask the kids again what they want to study this year, but this time toss out ne ideas.
	Come up with a preliminary list of units you want to cover.

I have a general checklist of units that I wanted the kids to cover from K-8. We circled round to many of those units a number of times, going into more depth or covering it for the first time my youngest/reviewing with my older kids.

Homeschool Science Unit Checklist for Elementary and Middle School



**Language Arts Homeschool Checklist** 

**History Checklist** 



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Science & History Unit Studies: Choose your unit topics				
□ can.		the junior section of your library. Check out as many books on the topic as you them over.		
	Brow	Browse Amazon for book ideas (see if your library has them!)		
	Deter	rmine what kind of methods work for your kids:		
		Read aloud books (non-fiction)		
		Documentaries		
		Fiction books		
		Fiction films		
		Worksheets – fill in the blank notes		
		Note pages		
		Matching pages		
		Review games (like bingo)		
	Brain	nstorm Hands-on activities for this unit		
		Experiments		
	□ etc.	Crafts – for history (make the Great Wall, pyramid, explore Chinese writing,		
	□ etc.	Crafts for science (make a cell, make the layers of the Earth, make a diorama,		
		Working with tools (topography maps, compass, latitude longitude)		
	□ kitc	Working with tools (density cubes, microscope, beakers, test tubes, scale – chen scale for measuring things)		
		Geography maps		
		Review games (like bingo)		
		Crafts		

Liter	rature and Reading		
	Novels – independent reading		
	Novels – read alouds		
	Literature collections (poetry, short stories, plays)		
	Writing plan (writing workshop style or a specific writing program?)		
	Spelling		
	Grammar		
Math	h		
□ if it	Find a math curriculum that works for your kids (don't be afraid to change it up later 's not working!)		
	Worksheets		
Fore	eign Language		
	Determine the units you want to cover.		
	Come up with your vocabulary word lists		
	Prepare worksheets		
	Games		
	Books		
	Videos, films		

#### Make materials ahead of time

If you make a lot of your own materials like Montessori 3-part cards, pin maps, laminated games then you might want to try to get as many of those done ahead of time as you can.

- ☐ 3-Part Cards
- ☐ Lapbook materials
- ☐ Review games
- ☐ Pin maps





- ☐ Print out units so they are ready
- ☐ Writing and Grammar Checklists: Essay Writing Strategies & Free Writing and Grammar Checklists (a free printable on the blog)



- ☐ Create your own homeschool planner (there are online options and various Homeschool Planners including the free 100+ page planner we have here on the blog)
- ☐ Create the kids homeschool checklists or planner (if you use those).





	Planı	Planning Homeschool Activities (outside the home)			
		Write	e out a general plan – jot down the information you gathered for each subject		
	☐ Look into new school related activities for the kids – new co-op, music lessons, homeschool band, sports, foreign language,				
		Look into extracurricular activities for the kids – scouts, sports, church choir, art			
☐ Jot down your weekly schedule Is one day overloaded this year. How shift things around to make it all work?			own your weekly schedule Is one day overloaded this year. How can you as around to make it all work?		
	Continue with your important summer goals:				
	☐ Spend time with the family				
		☐ Spend time with friends catching up			
		☐ Catch up on home tasks that don't get done during the school year!			
			Organize the pantry or kitchen drawers		
			Go through the kids' clothes and donate		
			Go through the kids' toys		
			Work on house or car maintenance tasks		
			Get some appointments done (vet, doctor, dentist, eye)		
		Rest!			
		Relax	x!		
	$\checkmark$	Get excited for the year ahead!!			

## Homeschool Planning Page

Science	History	Literature

## Homeschool Planning Page

### Homeschool Supply List

computer

printer

library card

tablet or e-reader

- # Pencils & Pens
- Quality erasers
- **z** Colored pencils
- # Markers
- # Crayons
- M Oil Pastels
- # Glue
- # Scissors
- □ Stapler
- □ 3 Hole Punch
- □ Single hole puncher
- Tape and tape dispensers
- ☐ Glue & glue sticks
- **¤** Rubber bands
- □ Brads
- □ Construction paper
- □ Plain white paper
- □ Cardstock Paper
- Workboxes Storage cart with 10 drawers. We have one for each of the kids!
- □ Date Stamp
- □ Timer
- I Tote bag
- □ 3-ringed notebooks
- **¤** Dividers
- I Loose leaf paper
- # File folders
- □ Notebooks
- Writing Journals: We use the bound ones. The kids are more excited by those.
- rimary writing journal (for PreK-Gr. 1) has space for drawing (above) writing (below)
- Math Manipulatives (tiles, geometric board, place value cards (we love our set from Right Start Math), math balance)
- Ruler

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   Ruler
- # Protractor
- Clip board/s

   □
- Dry Erase Sleeve (we found some at Oriental Trading)
- □ Plastic Tray (for messy art projects)
- I Dry Erase board Magnetic (to use with spelling program or math manipulatives)
- □ Laminator
- 🗵 Comb or Spiral Binder Machine & combs and covers. I LOVE MINE!! 🚳
- # Project Bricks















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## Homeschool Science Supply List

I thought I would put together a list of science supplies that we have used over the years. We slowly have acquired these science materials. I would recommend only purchasing **only** what you need.

Things we acquired early on in our homeschooling journey:

- > Microscope
- Prepared slides: We have several sets of prepared slides. I have all three levels, but I would suggest you start with just one set and go from there. The photos on Amazon show what is displayed on each slide.
  - Microscope Prepared Slide Set 12 Slides Elementary Level
  - o Prepared Slide Set Intermediate
- Goggles
- ➤ Rock Kits -- We bought a set of rock specimens, including igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic rocks like this one: American Educational Classroom Collection of Rocks and Minerals. We have used this regularly through the years, so I'm glad we invested in a kit so the kids could really explore the rocks. Remember too that we have a free Rocks and Minerals packet and free sheets on the Three Types of Rocks. The kids also \*loved\* cracking open geodes (we liked larger ones better than the 1 inch rocks).
- > We also got a really amazing fossil kit. The kids \*love\* exploring these and we have used this with our geologic timeline activities. I can't remember where we got our, but it wasn't at Amazon.
- Plastic test tube set. We've gotten so much use out of this inexpensive set of Test Tube Trays from Oriental Trading
- > We had fun with live mealworms and watching their life cycle. See this post: Working with Mealworms.
- Kits: We've gotten a number of kits through the years. The kids absolutely loved creating their own solar system: 4M Solar System Planetarium. They also loved the Squishy Human Body and we use that almost every year. We also have done kits on DNA, Physics and others.

Now that the kids are older -- we are slowly adding other science materials

- Molecule Set: When the kids were younger, we made our own molecules (with foam or marshmallows) and used a cheap kit (not really recommended), but now that they're older we invested in an actual plastic set made by Molymod 52 atom parts if you are like us and have a number of kids you might be interested in the larger kit. This is the one we got: Molymod Chemistry Molecular Model, Teacher Set (111 atom parts)
- Glass Graduated cylinder/s
- > Scale or balance that measures in grams. I decided to get a digital scale (the one I chose measures up to 11lbs and can weight in grams, oz, etc.).

  Many people get balances instead, but I decided on this because we have a math balance (from Right Start Math) which has been fine for showing things like <u>Air Has Weight (an experiment we did in our weather unit)</u>.
- ➤ Density cubes These are for a unit on density... which you can do as young as 4th grade, but we're doing later (Gr. 5 and 7) because I'll have the kids do lots of math calculations. Volume=LxWxH; equations. Density=mass/volume or D=M/V. We got a set that includes ironwood (a very dense wood)--similar to this one Deluxe Density Cube Set (Carolina is a very reputable science supply store), but this set of 10 would work well too: Density Cube Set. I saw cheap sets, but was worried when people said the dimensions of the cubes were off.
- ➤ Equal mass set: There are different options available. We got this one ETA hand2mind, Equal Mass Diverse Materials Set, (41785). I'll come back to update this once we've done our experiments.

And I'm sure we'll acquire more as the kids get older.

For our electricity and circuits unit we purchased a lot of materials for that unit.



## Homeschool Supply Shopping List

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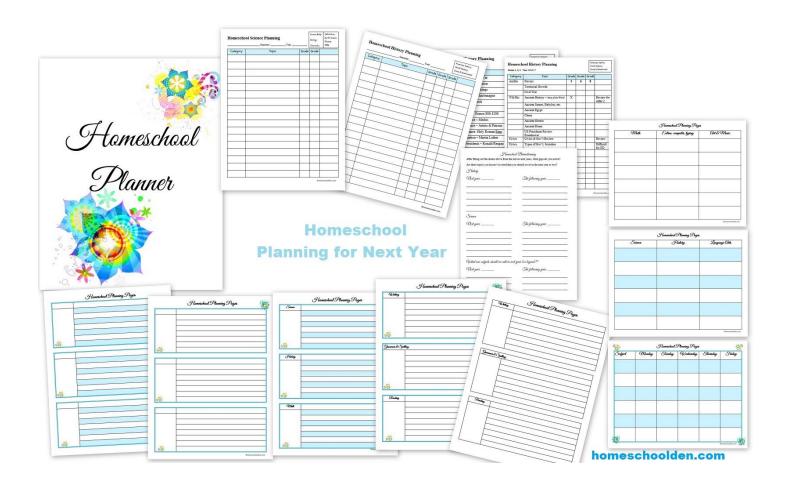
#### Free Printable Calendar: Free 2018-2019 Calendar Printable



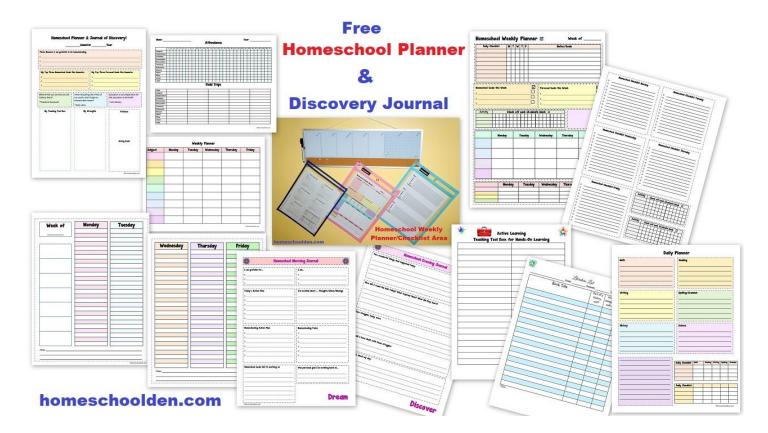
#### You can find our free planners here:

These are some free Homeschool Planning Pages that I use as I try to figure out our **long-range homeschooling goals**. This post shares share the process I go through... and also will share the planning pages that I've been using the past few years. I like having colorful planning pages to work on. This isn't really a weekly/monthly planner, but rather a **homeschool vision planner**. This 30+-page pdf is currently FREE to download! Let me know if it's helpful! ~Liesl

#### Free Homeschool Planning Pages



And, if you are looking for some printables to <u>create your own Homeschool Planner</u>, you might want to check out our free Homeschool Planner. This unique homeschool planning packet is currently FREE to download! It is nearly 100 pages! Not only does this packet include daily and weekly planning pages, checklists and record keeping pages, but it also includes various homeschool journaling pages... think gratitude journal meets homeschool goal setting! Again, you'll find it at this post: <u>Free Homeschool Planner and Discovery Journal</u>. I tend to change up my homeschool planning pages regularly as our needs change, so this packet of materials has steadily grown in size! There might be something you can use there! ①



#### Be sure to check out our store for more of our packets!

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**Science:** We ♥ love ♥ hands on activities. We have packets on Earth Space Science, Simple Machines, the States of Matter, Electricity and Circuits STEM unit, Cells Unit, Human Body Systems, the Digestive System, the Ocean, World Animals, Animal Characteristics, Dinosaurs and more!!



#### History



**Math** - Including place value, addition & subtraction packets and our 250+ page bundle of multiplication packets with games, skip counting activities, multiplication fact worksheets and more (12 pdfs!)







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#### **Spelling**



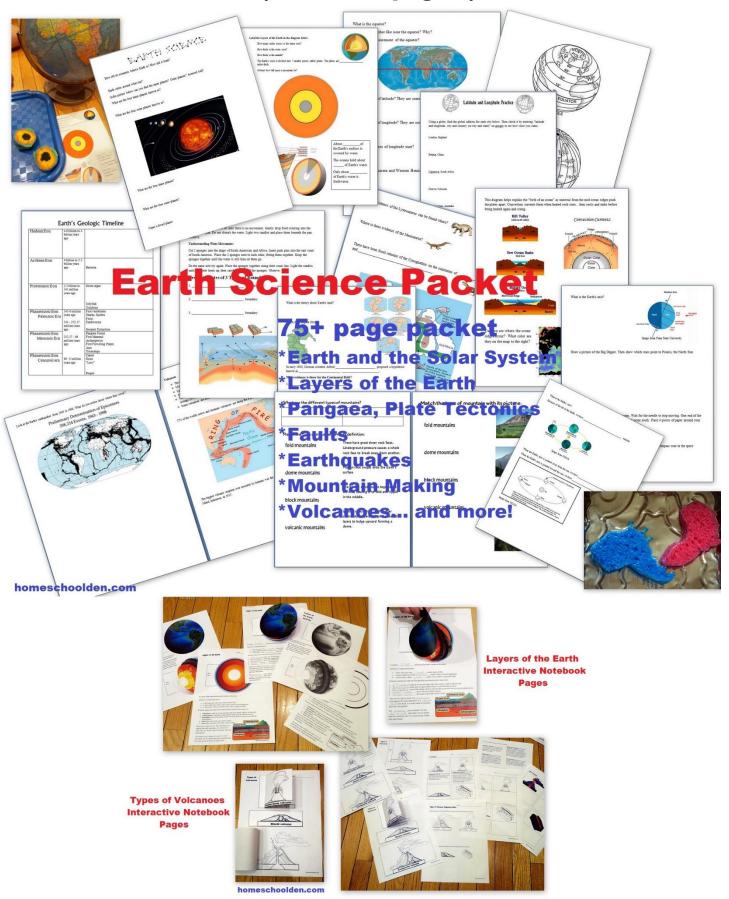


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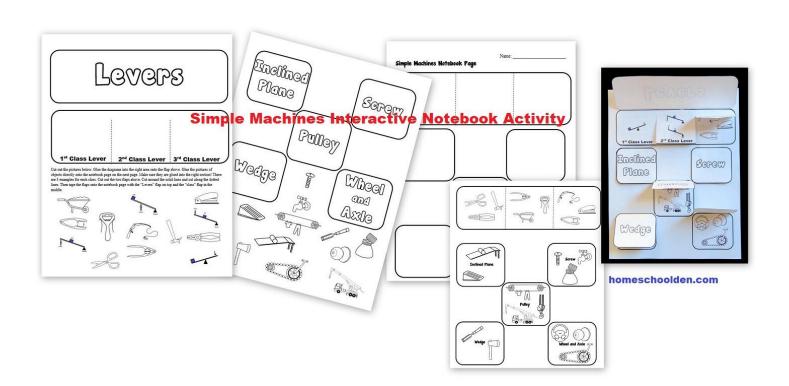
#### Here are just some of the packets we have available:

#### **Earth Science Packet** (Now 100+ pages!)

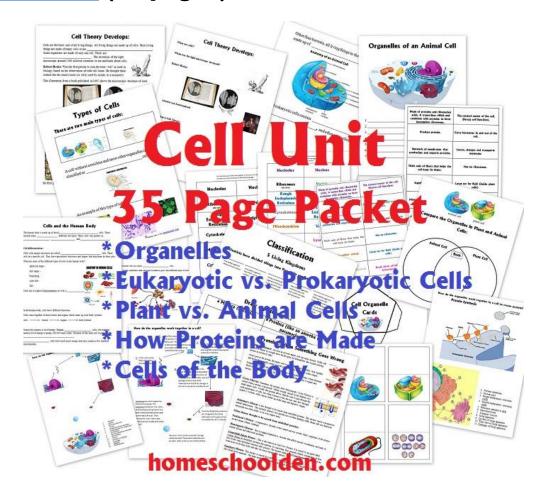


#### **Simple Machines Packet** (30 pages)

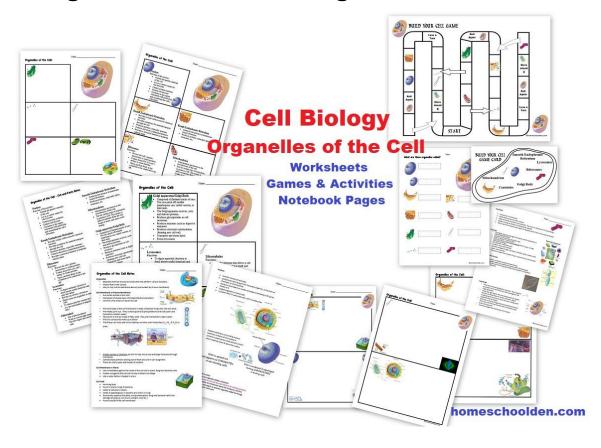




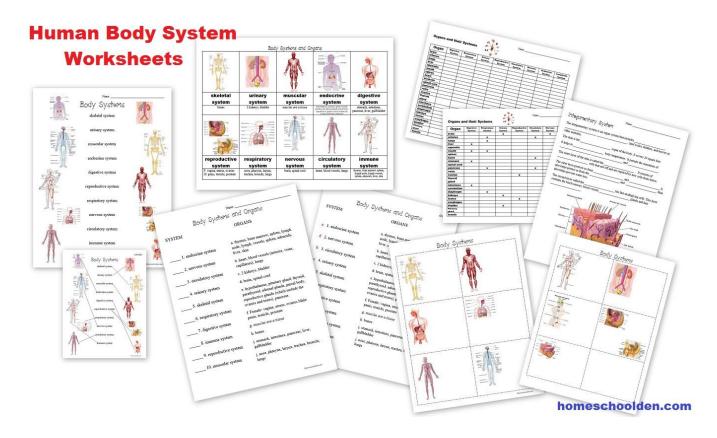
#### A Study of Cells (35 pages)



#### 30 New Pages and Activities Being Added!



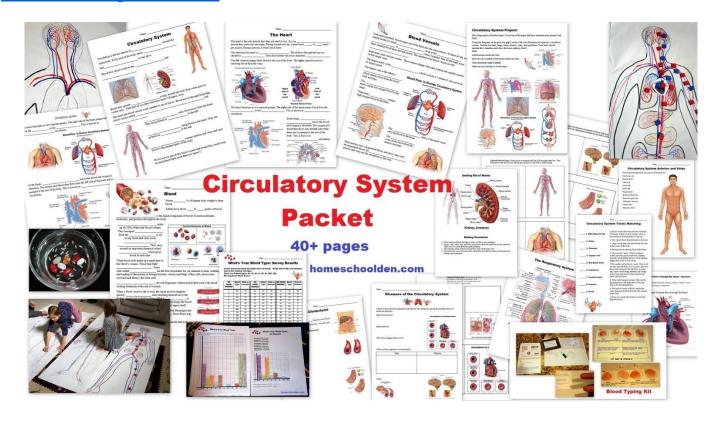
#### **Human Body Systems** (25 pages)



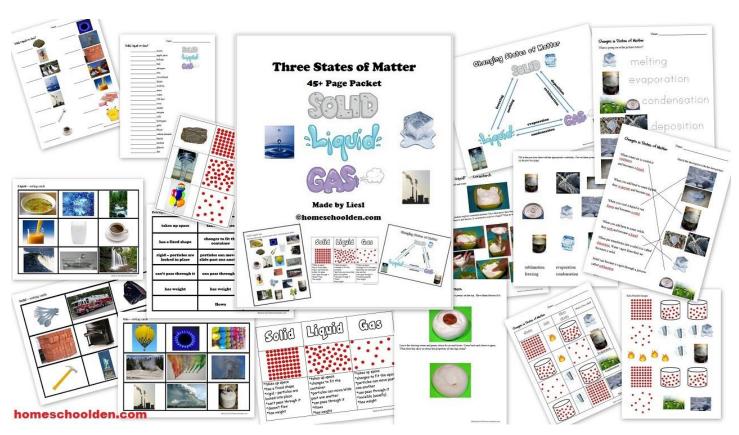
#### **Digestive System Packet** (100+ pages)



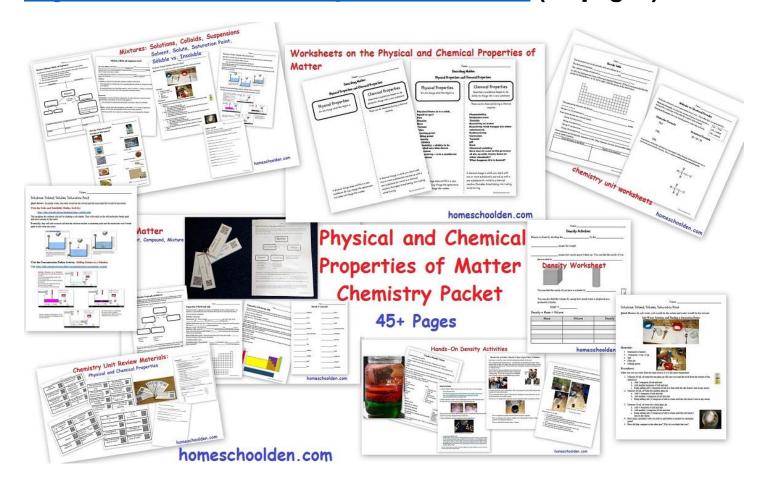
#### **Circulatory Packet**



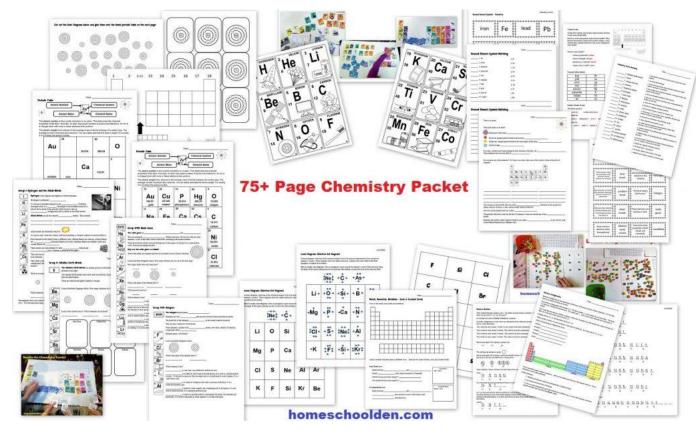
### **States of Matter Packet** (50 pages)



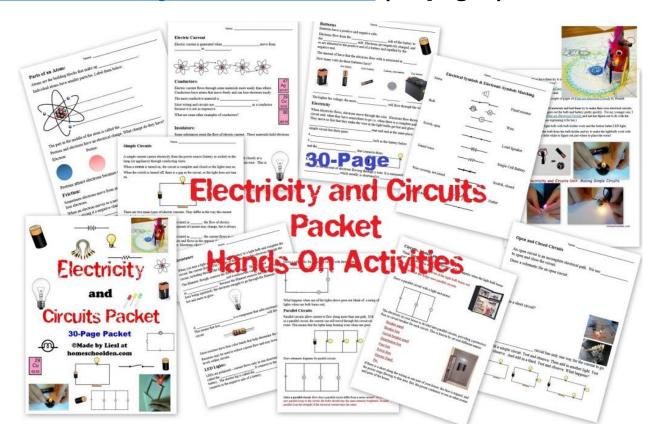
#### **Physical and Chemical Properties of Matter (45 pages)**



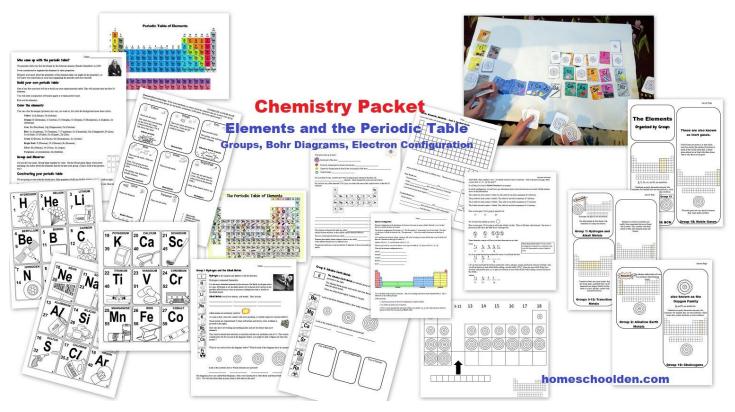
#### **Chemistry Packet: Introduction to the Periodic Table**



#### **STEM: Electricity and Circuits Unit (30 pages)**

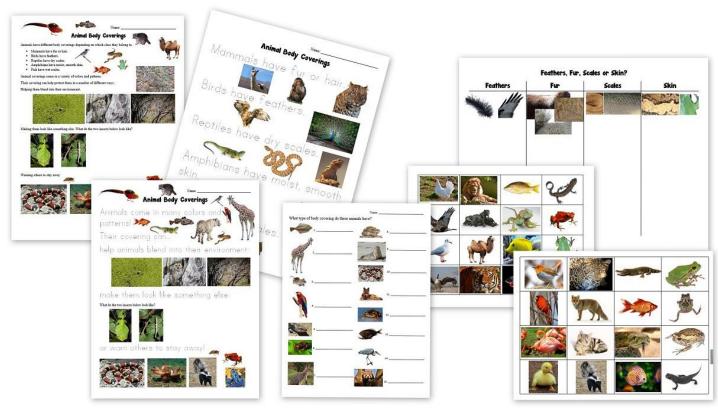


Chemistry Packet – Coming Soon! Periodic Table, Atomic Structure, Valence Electrons, Bohr Diagrams, Electron Dot Diagrams and More!



#### **Animal Packet** (Vertebrates-Invertebrates, Animal Characteristics and more)

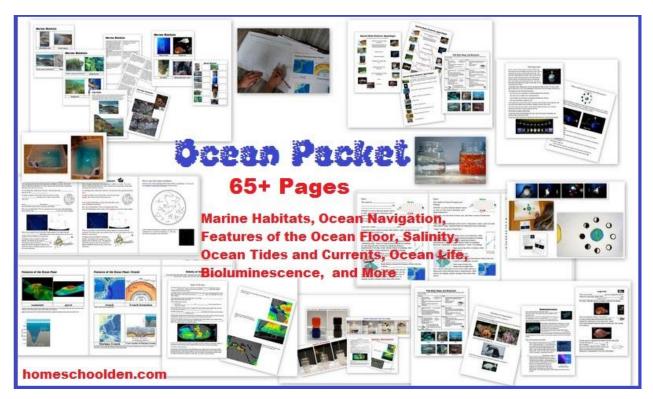


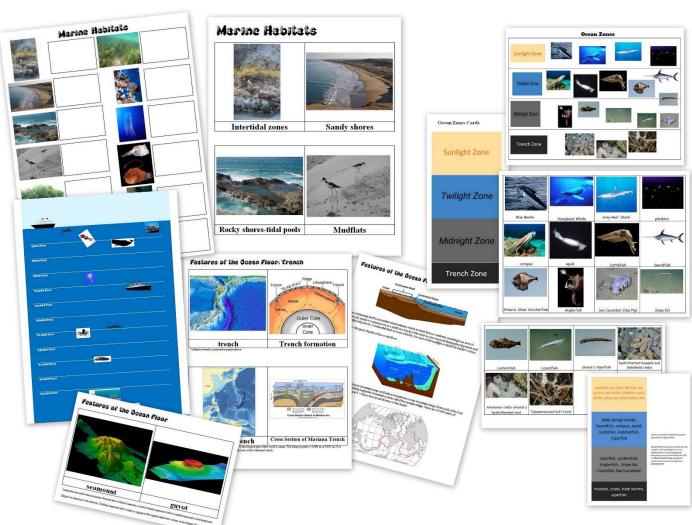


#### **Biology Packet** (60+ pages)



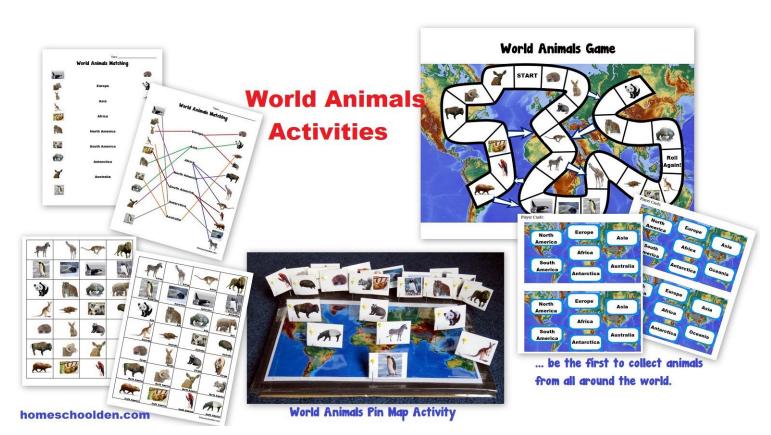
#### Ocean Packet (65+ pages)



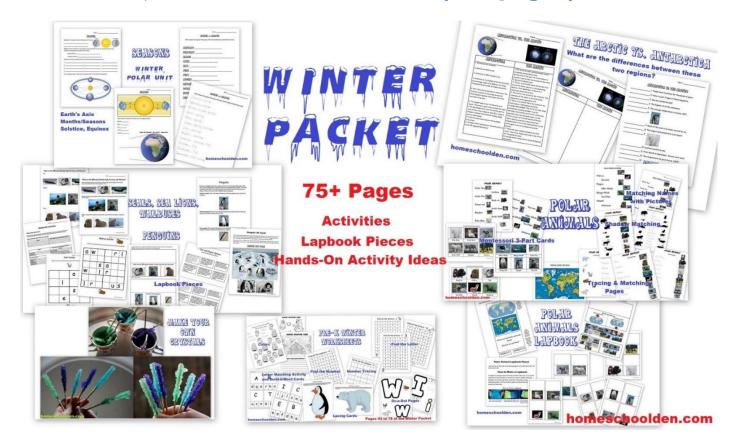


#### **World Animals Packet 60+ page Packet**

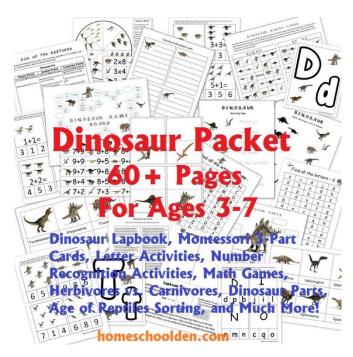




# Winter Packet: Earth's Axis/Seasons, The Arctic vs. Antarctica, Polar Animals and More (75+ pages)



#### **Dinosaur Packet** 60+ Page Packet For ages 3-7 (60+ pages)



#### **Civics and Government Unit (45 pages)**



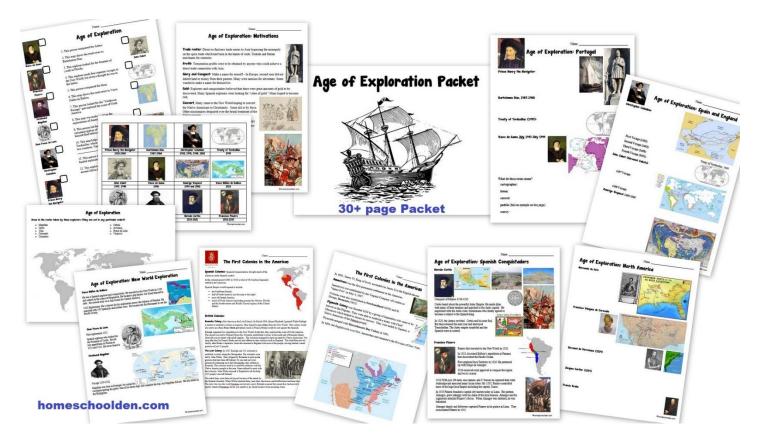
#### World Facts and Geographical Features Packet Do your kids know

the 4 largest countries? Which countries have the most people? The longest river? This packet covers basic world and U.S. facts.

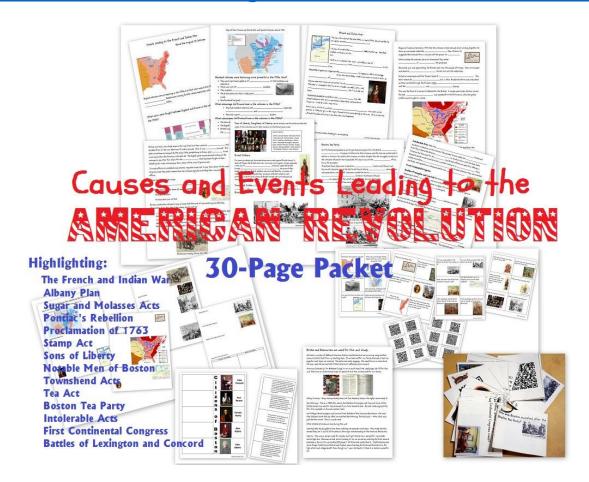
**This packet now includes a second part:** The second part of the World Facts Packet covers geography land form terms from lakes, islands and peninsulas to the difference between bays, gulfs and sounds or between deltas & estuaries. It also includes a brief study of topographic maps.



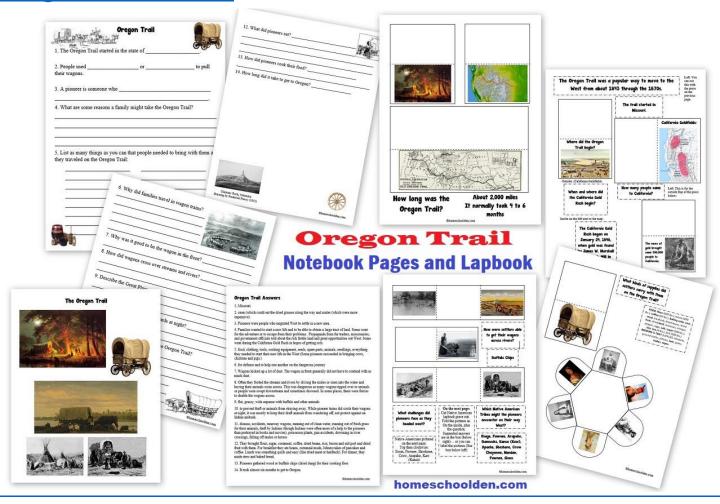
#### **Age of Exploration Packet**



#### **Causes and Events Leading the American Revolution Unit**



#### **Oregon Trail Packet**









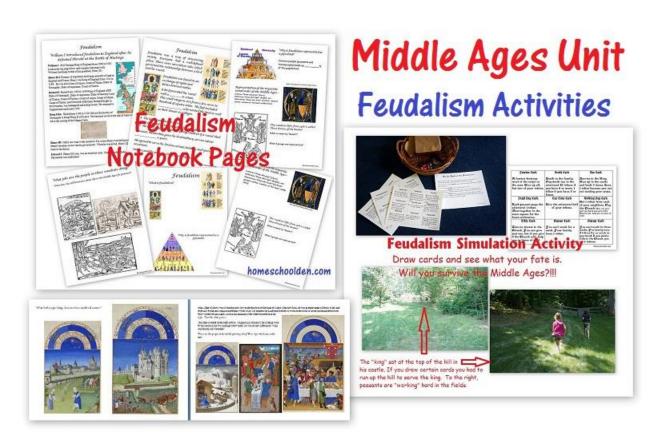


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#### **Slavery and the Civil War Unit**



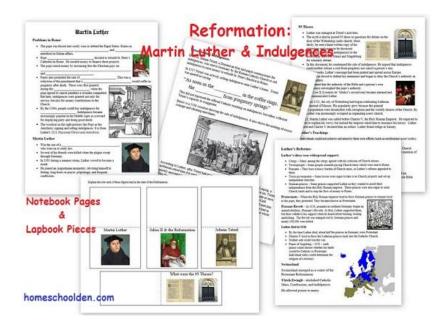
#### **Feudalism Packet**



#### **Renaissance and Reformation Unit**







#### Spelling Activities You will also find these in Our Store.

#### **Long A and Long I Word Sort Activities**





### Long i Sound Word Sort and Activities

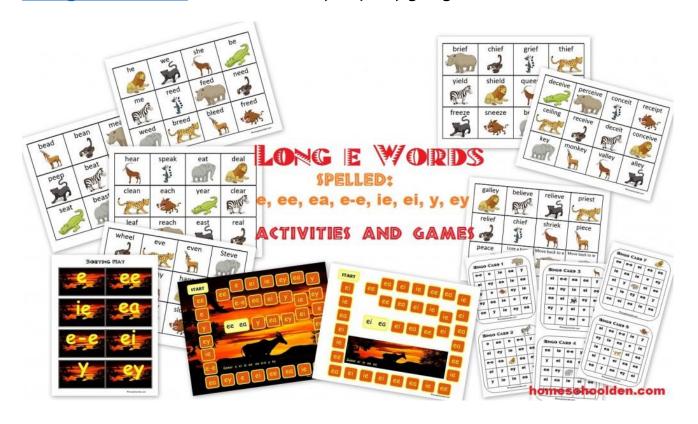
Castle/Unicorn Theme Practice y, i-e, and ie spellings. Australia-Theme Activities practice i, i-e, ie, igh, ind and y



Bonus Activities (Also Australian-themed) /n/ and /r/ Sounds: n, kn, r and wr

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#### Long E Words: e ee ea e-e, ie, ei, y ey



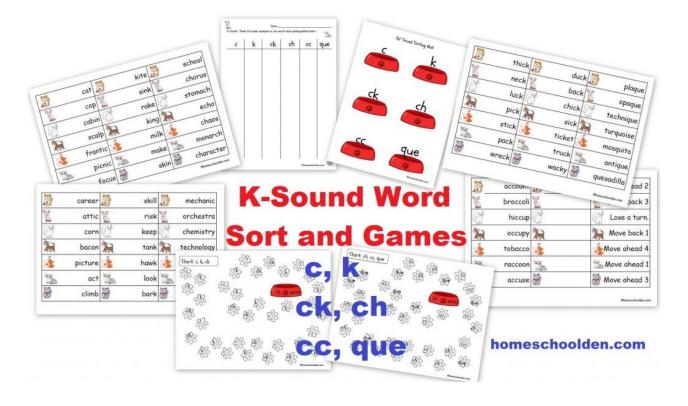
#### ou ow oi oy aw au Word Sort



## <u>er Sound Word Sort and Game: ur, ir, er, or, ear, our Spelling</u> Words



K-Sound Spelling Sort: This set works on the /k/ sound: covering the hard K-sound with spellings c, k, ck, ch, cc and que.

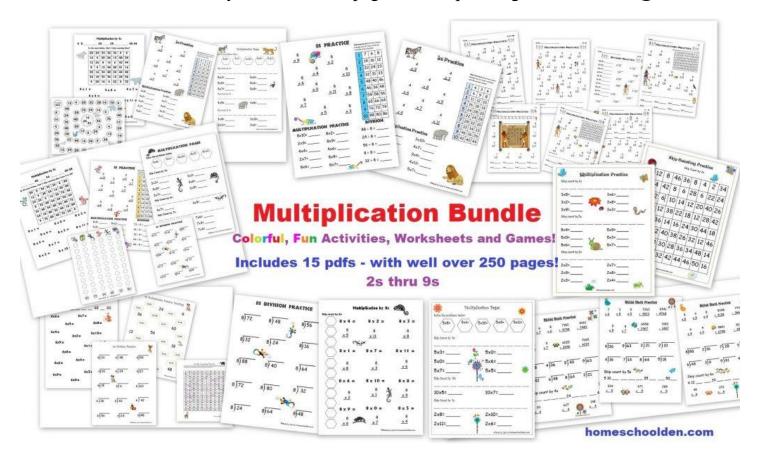


# L-Sound Spelling Word Endings -le -el -al -il -ol -ile Word Sort, Games, and Activities



**Learning the Multiplication Facts:** As my daughter moved into learning her multiplication facts I looked around for the kind of multiplication practice that would help her. The math book she was using went through the math facts a bit too quickly for her. She needed quite a bit of repetition and wanted bright, colorful worksheets. I wound up making my own sets of practice pages and games. She loved that! Be sure to check out our Multiplication Bundle here at this post: Learning the Multiplication Tables 2s thru 9s (or see the purchase link to buy our bundle of 12 pdfs in Our Store) Here are some sample pictures:

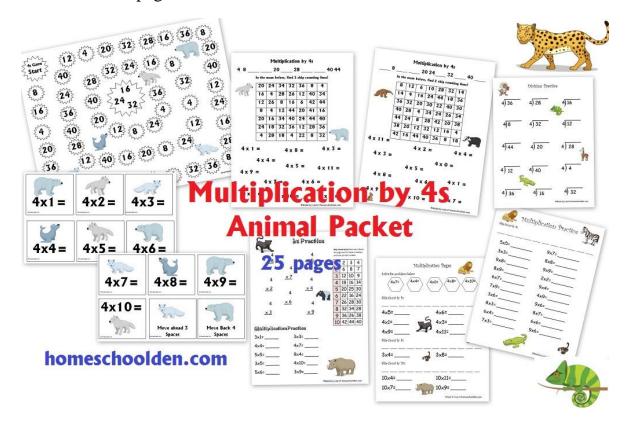
There are actually more than 250 pages... I keep adding to the bundle!



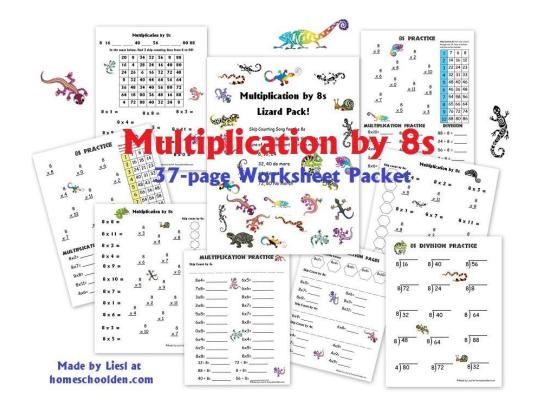
What order did my daughter learn her math facts? 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 6s and 7s (because those skip counting songs were easy for her!), 4s, 9s, 8s.



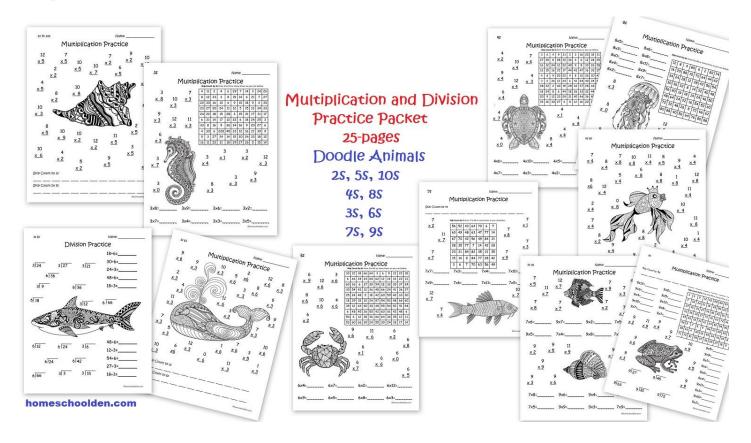
Here are some of the 4s pages:



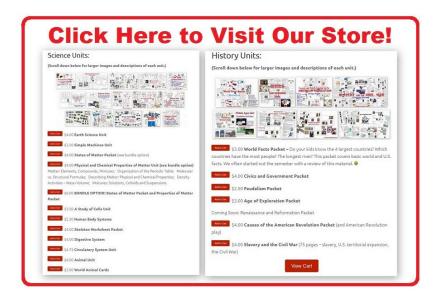
And, here are some of the 8s.



Here is a glimpse of the Doodle Animal Multiplication Review Packet that is included in the Multiplication bundle:



<u>Learning the Multiplication Tables 2s thru 9s</u> or you can purchase our Multiplication Bundle in <u>Our Store</u>.



Our packets are pdf downloads.