

10. Help reduce public school class size
9. You can do school in your pajamas
8. Lost permission slips aren't a problem
7. Forgot books at school-so what?
6. End "what to wear" to school arguments
5. Don't have to worry about missing the bus
4. Can't forget projects at home
3. Parent-Teacher conferences are a breeze
2. Finally a use for that green moldy "something" in the back your fridge~ "Mold and How it Grows!"
1. Learning is something you do, not where you go

10. Get to watch TV during recess. 9. Don't have to worry about what to wear. 8. kid gets science credit for having a tooth filled at the dentist. 7. Phys Ed means riding bikes in the basement 6. Talking out loud to yourself is a parent/teacher conference. 5. All Birthdays are school holidays

### ***Top Ten Indications that you are experiencing HSSS: (HomeSchooling Stress Syndrome-Or how about HEBO-Home Education Burn-Out?)***

10. You're considering letting the computer to all the teaching from now on.
9. Your preschoolers say, "But mom, we don't want to watch another movie!"
8. Your in-laws say, "See, we told you so."
7. You have visions of lesson plans dancing in your head.
6. You start praying in phonics.
5. Field trips are becoming more frequent. (It's amazing what can be classified as a field trip.)
4. You start believing in New Math, for example:  $2+2=2$  many children.
3. Your three main reasons to homeschool have become June, July, and August.
2. You find yourself repenting from thoughts like... "maybe public education isn't so bad after all".
1. Your children rise up and call you... "The Grouch"!

### ***Top Ten Signs of A Homeschool Fanatic...***

10. You can rattle off all the phone numbers and addresses of the major homeschool suppliers.
9. You own a dozen homeschooling t-shirts and several homeschooling organizers.
8. Whenever you meet an especially polite youngster, your first reaction is, "I bet he's homeschooled!"
7. You own more bookcases than anyone else you know and you need several more.
6. You're considering adding a room on to your house just to store all your educational materials and extra curriculum.
5. You can turn anything into a unit study-and I mean ANYTHING!
4. Your fondest daydream is more wall space to display your vast collection of timelines, maps, posters, and visual aids.
3. Whenever "Practical Homeschooling(TM)" arrives, you declare a school holiday so that you can read it cover to cover.
2. Your living room just doesn't seem complete without a portrait of one of the "patron saints" of homeschooling.
1. Non-homeschoolers run for cover when they see you coming.

## **You Might Be Home Schooled If**

- ... you never get "snow days" off.
- ... "P.E." includes yard work.
- ... you've ever been in more than three grades at once.
- ... all the signatures on your graduation diploma end with the same last name.
- ... after your first year in college, the academic dean keeps asking, "Are there any more at home like you?"
- ... your extracurricular activities take more time than your academics.
- ... your teacher has ever come to school in her pajamas..
- ... your family has the national average of 2.5 children...in each bedroom!
- ... you get your high school diploma BEFORE you get your driver's license.
- ... your 15-passenger van contains more kids than the passing school bus.
- ... your first real date is on your honeymoon.
- ... your Home Economics class transitions smoothly into married life.
- ... denim is a primary color.
- ... your grade and your age have ever matched.
- ... you NEVER get to use the "1-10 items" Express Lane in the grocery store.
- ... you feel sorry for the over socialized public school kids.
- ... you consider school work after lunch to be cruel and unusual punishment.
- ... you have to move dirty laundry off your desk before you can study.
- ... the only questions you missed on the ACT were the ones dealing with "the late Cretaceous Period."
- ... your answering machine gets the phone more than you do.
- ... the term "Anglo-Saxon" makes you think of your geometry book.
- ... your mom can turn ANYTHING into an object lesson illustrating your current assignment.
- ... the Home School Channel is the only channel allowed in your house.
- ... the ACLU is considered a four-letter word in your house.
- ... you think public school looks a whole lot like prison.
- ... you consider loss of reading privileges to be the most drastic form of punishment.
- ... you could win a science fair by summarizing your plenteous experience in removing stains from clothing.
- ... you have changed FAR more diapers than the average day care worker.
- ... your yearbook is also your baby book.
- ... you can actually read your diploma when you graduate.
- ... your four-year-old brother can answer the socialization question.
- ... you have so many baby sitting requests that you form a referral company.

## The Top 20 Reasons to Homeschool

20. Your kids never tell you that you're a lot dumber than their teacher.
19. If you can't find matching socks for your child first thing in the morning, who cares?
18. Cleaning out the refrigerator can double as chemistry lab.
17. Your kids never have a reason to think they'll get beat up by a gang at school.
16. If the principal gives the teacher a bad evaluation, she can stick her icy feet against his legs at night.
15. You can post the Ten Commandments on your school room wall, and you won't get sued.
14. You never have to drive your child's forgotten lunch to school.
13. Your child will never go to their 20th high school reunion, meet an old flame, and recklessly abandon their marriage.
12. You get to change more than diapers, you get to change their minds.
11. If you get caught talking to yourself, you can claim you're having a PTA meeting.
10. It's better to be slightly concerned about socialisation than very concerned about socialism.
9. Your child will never suffer the embarrassment of group showers after PE.
8. The only debate about the school lunch program is whose turn it is to cook.
7. You never have to face the dilemma of whether to take your child's side or the teacher's side in a dispute at school.
6. If your child gets drugs at school it's probably Tylenol.
5. The teacher gets to kiss the principal in the faculty lounge and no one gossips.
4. Your kids recognize that this list is numerically in reverse order.
3. Your honour student can actually read the bumper sticker that you have put on your car.
2. If your child claims that the dog ate his homework you can ask the dog.
1. Some day your children will consider you to be a miracle working expert and will turn to you for advice.