

Our Transcripts from the Notebooking/Lapbooking Chat!

10:58:16 [3chords] Today is the Notebook/lapbook chat
:58:24 [3chords] YEAH..SHE'S HERE!
10:58:38 **KrisInTN enters this room**
10:58:39 [3chords] you are the Cindy we're waiting for...??
10:58:44 [3chords] Hi Kris!!
10:58:49 [Cindy] Woohoooooo!
10:58:55 [3chords] 9 people in here!!!! I'm excited!
10:58:57 [KimberC] Hello... Is this the room to chat with Cindy?
10:58:58 **Isam enters this room**
10:59:13 [3chords] a few stepped out for a couple minutes
10:59:16 [Cindy] Soooo, introduce yourselves!
10:59:31 [3chords] Yes, Cindy R is here today to help us chat about notebooking/lapbooks
10:59:36 [3chords] Hi Isam
10:59:38 [CarlaR] <-- Carla (I'm so original)
10:59:49 [petersoncl] Hi Cindy- I am Carri Peterson- we met in Alabama a couple years ago.
I doubt you'll remember me, though!
10:59:56 [Cindy] I am Cindy...your gal for the hour! 😊 I am SOoo glad that you are here!
This will be a fun chat! I hope that you learn TONS!
11:00:04 [Cindy] Hi Carri! YES! Where are you now?
11:00:27 [KimberC] Kimber... Just found homeschoolblogger a few days ago and love it
already!!
11:00:30 [3chords] I am Kimberly (HSB Chat scheduler person), inOhio, 3 boys (on the
autism spectrum), this will be our 4th yr hoomeschooling
11:00:32 **Misti enters this room**
11:00:33 [Isam] Hi Cindy, I am Laura from Texas. I am currently reading your highschool
made easy book.
11:00:40 [Cindy] Hi Kimber! Isn't this TOO fun?
11:00:48 [3chords] Hi Misti!
11:00:50 **catherine enters this room**
11:01:01 [Cindy] Hi Laura! We LOVE Texas! I have family in Houston, Dallas, and Point
Blank!
11:01:07 [3chords] I know a hre people thqt homeschool, we even have a little co-op, but the
moms NEVER chat together or anything
11:01:07 [KrisInTN] We're getting more people! Yea!
11:01:18 [petersoncl] Now we are in Kentucky... I have 7 children now (we had just had a
miscarraige when we met), and 3 dogs, 3 cats, 2 goats, a calf (named Supper), and a
multitude of chickens! 😊
11:01:20 **motherofsi enters this room**
11:01:23 [KimberC] Yes! I love writing and blogging is such a great way to do that!
11:01:27 [3chords] Welcome to Catherine
11:01:29 [Cindy] Isn't this TOO FUN?
11:01:39 [Cindy] Do you have a blog, Kimber?
11:01:52 **Pam enters this room**
11:02:08 [CarlaR] nice to meet someone else with 7 children too, Carri

11:02:08 [**jane**] jane Florida two boys

11:02:08 [**3chords**] I like writing out all the little things we do, it never seems much until I actually read about our day

11:02:13 [**catherine**] Thanks for the welcome!

11:02:23 [**3chords**] Hello, Pam, welcome to Notebooking/Lapbook Chat

11:02:31 **lbrtbl enters this room**

11:02:34 **txmusicmom enters this room**

11:02:35 **MelissaG enters this room**

11:02:41 [**Cindy**] I have been SMITTEN by the blog bug...I have two and Matthew has already set up his! 😊 My first one is <http://www.HomeschoolBlogger.com/CindyRushton> and my other is for writers--<http://www.HomeschoolBlogger.com/AWritersNook>. I LOVE THEM!

11:02:48 [**Pam**] Thank you!

11:03:02 [**Misti**] I have 5 children, 2 dogs, 2 cows, lots of chicken's/ducks and live 15 minutes from Carri in KY

11:03:07 [**KimberC**] I have a blog on blog.com, but I am moving to homeschoolblogger... I've already written a few blogs.

11:03:11 [**3chords**] Hello, Melissa, Welcome to the Notebooking/Lapbooking Chat with Cindy R

11:03:22 [**Cindy**] Ok...sooo, let's get moving on the topic. If I have not welcomed you...WELCOME!

11:03:25 [**3chords**] Hello, txmusic, Welcome to the Notebooking/Lapbooking Chat with Cindy R

11:03:30 [**Cindy**] Who has the FIRST question?

11:03:35 [**CarlaR**] we took a field/road trip to KY last fall, we loved it down there

11:03:38 [**3chords**] Hello, lbrtbl, Welcome to the Notebooking/Lapbooking Chat with Cindy R

11:03:49 [**CarlaR**] we're in Ontario Canada, by the way

11:03:52 [**3chords**] how is notebooking different than lapbooks

11:03:53 [**lbrtbl**] thank you

11:03:56 [**KrisInTN**] I'm having so much fun with my blog (ClassicalEducation4Me) ... I have 2 kids and we've done lapbooking/notebooking since we started hsing in 2002.

11:04:04 [**jane**] how will this look like with a CM method of teaching

11:04:08 [**Cindy**] Ok...I am going to begin with 3chords question.

11:04:18 [**Cindy**] Remind me others...in a bit! 😊

11:04:25 [**Misti**] What is the best way to use notebooking for a timeline book.

11:04:32 [**Cindy**] First, you all must know a bit about my background.

11:04:43 [**MelissaG**] Hello! This is my first time on the chat, it is a bit overwhelming!

11:04:46 **Tami enters this room**

11:04:48 **suzi enters this room**

11:05:01 [**3chords**] Hi Melissa, this is busy,I have never seen this many in here before

11:05:10 [**3chords**] Hello, Tami, Welcome to the Notebooking/Lapbooking Chat with Cindy R

11:05:19 [**3chords**] Hello, Suzi, Welcome to the Notebooking/Lapbooking Chat with Cindy R

11:05:22 [**Cindy**] Melissa...I am going to try to do one question until done...then...answer others. Others will probably talk with each other in the meanwhile. Deal?

11:05:25 [**lbrtbl**] I am really ignorant about notebooking/lapbooking

11:05:37 **[lbrtbl]** I AM interested in doing it with my children

11:06:00 **[Cindy]** I began with notebooking personally after learning about it from my husband's grandmother. It was just WHAT SHE DID. She did not homeschool. Rather, she was just a BRILLIANT WOMAN! (yep! I am partial!)

11:06:05 **[jane]** lets, let cindy speak , so we might learn 😊

11:06:25 **carsun enters this room**

11:06:28 **[Cindy]** The first time I saw her notebook was when we went to a class on using your sergers to the max.

11:06:43 **[3chords]** suzi, just sit back and absorb from Cindy a bit

11:07:25 **[3chords]** Welcomes carsun to the chat, sit back and enjoy Cindy's chat for a bit

11:07:27 **hilly enters this room**

11:07:34 **[3chords]** She'll say when she's ready for a new question

11:07:58 **[Cindy]** I watched her as she took BRIGHT COLORED paper...wrote the stitch length, stitch width, name of the stitch, all extra tips on the paper...then, she would staple her samples on the paper...slide the pages into a sheet protector...and add this treasure into her 3-ring binder. I WAS BIT!

11:08:08 **[Cindy]** I immediately decided to NOTEBOOK EVERYTHING!

11:08:20 **[Cindy]** Notebooking is simple. So simple that you are probably already doing it.

11:08:44 **babs enters this room**

11:08:56 **[Cindy]** All you need is a 3-ring binder, sheet protectors, paper, something to write with, and time to get going!

11:09:08 **[3chords]** BABS, welcome to the notebook/lapbook chat

11:09:18 **[3chords]** sit back and enjoy Cindy's wisdom, she'll let us know when she's ready for the next question

11:09:56 **[3chords]** current question: intro and how Notebook is different than lapbook

11:10:17 **[Cindy]** There are many, many perks to notebooking. You can read more articles here: <http://www.CindyRushton.com/articles.html> (and we will answer questions)...but the biggest perk in relationship to Lapbooking is that it is soooo mindless...takes no more preparation (unless you want a specific theme!)

11:10:28 **[Cindy]** it can begin today!

11:11:02 **kerrihop enters this room**

11:11:07 **[Cindy]** I believe that EVERYONE (biased huh?) should notebook today! Notebook with every child...Notebook on every topic...OH! EVEN YOU should notebook! 😊

11:11:22 **[Cindy]** Now...what about Lapbooks?

11:11:25 **[Cindy]** Ok...

11:11:26 **[3chords]** kerri,

11:11:29 **[3chords]** welcome to the notebook/lapbook chat

11:11:37 **[3chords]** sit back and enjoy Cindy's wisdom, she'll let us know when she's ready for the next question

11:11:46 **[lbrtbl]** yes, what is the difference?

11:11:54 **[Cindy]** I had heard the buzz--Lapbooking gals are AMAZING! Addictive! AWESOME! Incredible!

11:12:06 **[Isam]** I think that I already notebook and did not realize that it had a name. I do this with my crocheting.

11:12:07 **[Cindy]** Sooooo...I was bit by the Lapbooking bug! hehe!

11:12:27 **[3chords]** I havent tried either yet, lapbook looked more like the speed of my boys

11:12:44 [Cindy] Lapbooking consists of making cute little booklets or even fun notebooking pages and combining them on a theme, topic, etc.

11:12:58 [Cindy] It is a bit more formal (if you want it to be--which I did)

11:13:08 [Cindy] It takes us a bit more planning.

11:13:16 [Cindy] BUT! OOhhhhhH! They are sooo adorable!

11:13:16 [3chords] notebooking sounds like lots of writing and hand sketching, is it?

11:13:44 [suzi] Is lapbooking possible with the older crowd. I have a 6th grader. I am wondering how to lapbook with him.

11:14:01 **catherine exits from this room**

11:14:02 [Cindy] Our lapbooks have been created on themes, featuring the highlights of our topic.

11:14:08 [Cindy] Suzi, yes.

11:14:19 [Cindy] It can be for every age...As can notebooking

11:14:21 [suzi] We use to lapbook years ago when he was in 6th.

11:14:29 [Cindy] The products are just a bit different

11:14:36 [3chords] I have some ideas to lapbook with my older boys, I hope to try them.

11:14:36 [suzi] Meant to say 1st grade not 6th.

11:14:50 [Cindy] It will be less finished for the younger children...loaded with their cute writing! 😊

11:15:19 [Cindy] Anyway, I had heard the buzz on lapbooking. Kinda wrote it off because I did not want ANOTHER thing to do! 😊

11:15:21 [babs] what are the benefits of notebooking

11:15:35 [3chords] jane had a question about notebooking and the CM method

11:15:54 [Cindy] I was blessed to get to hear the QUEEN of lapbooking last year--Tammy DUBY. She made it sooo easy that we decided to give it a try

11:15:55 [jane] yes, thank-you

11:16:04 [MelissaG] Is it like scrapbooking on a theme instead of around photos?

11:16:07 [Cindy] for our Presidents and Elections Unit Study

11:16:24 [Cindy] Melissa, not really--but it COULD be! hehe!

11:16:33 [Cindy] Sound political?

11:16:54 [Cindy] You can make them simple OR extravagant using Scrapbooking techniques and tools!

11:17:10 [Cindy] Now....did I do ok with that one?

11:17:50 [Cindy] I recommend notebooking every day and as a lifestyle. I recommend lapbooking to make a fun project for your special studies--unless you love it, then do it ALL THE TIME! ha!

11:17:53 [3chords] babs asked the benefits of notebooks, jane asked about using them with CM

11:17:59 [Cindy] ready for a new question?

11:18:16 [MelissaG] Are there any lapbooking examples on the internet we could look at? I'm very visual!

11:18:16 [lbrtbl] what is the CM method?

11:18:26 **LSeaborg enters this room**

11:18:34 [3chords] melissa, yes

11:18:37 **Lauralee enters this room**

11:18:43 [3chords] google it

11:18:44 [Cindy] I have an article on that in my blog...let me look it up real quick Melissa! 😊

11:18:46 [txmusicmom] 3chords> do you direct questions to you?

11:19:06 [Cindy] Sure txmusic mom

11:19:06 [3chords] lauralee, welcome to the notebook/lapbook chat

11:19:15 [3chords] no, I was just keeping track for her

11:19:17 [Lauralee] Thanks 😊

11:19:26 **juls enters this room**

11:19:27 [3chords] Lseaborg, welcome to the notebook/lapbook chat

11:19:40 [3chords] juls, welcome to the notebook/lapbook chat

11:19:41 [Lauralee] I just starting making notebooks for each of my children

11:19:58 [Cindy] Ok...the link to a quick overview of CM is here:
<http://www.homeschoolblogger.com/CindyRushton/2717/>

11:20:09 [Lauralee] We tried a lapbook but I had to do it

11:20:24 [Cindy] I also have a ton more there on the blog and at my website:
<http://www.CindyRushton.com>

11:20:33 [Cindy] Lauralee, how old are your little ones/

11:20:34 [lbrtbl] oh, ok, Charlotte Mason

11:20:37 [3chords] I still don't know WHAT notebooking is,I need to hear exactly how people use them day to day... did you notebook today? what did you notebook?

11:21:47 [Cindy] For making Lapbooking a bit more doable, take the process apart

11:21:56 [petersoncl] Notebooking is a lot easier than people think. It's just creating a page about what was just learned.

11:22:20 [Cindy] Begin first by planning a fun study...then, make cute little booklets along the way...then, at the end build your lapbook.

11:22:22 [txmusicmom] I get stuck getting started~ any tips-- I think I get too grandiose in my thinking

11:22:34 [Cindy] PetersonCl, Notebooking IS SO easy!! 😊You are sooo right!

11:22:39 [txmusicmom] I have lapbooked- and it was fun

11:22:41 [Cindy] Make it easy! 😊

11:22:54 [petersoncl] For example: you might diagram the parts of a bird, tell how to somersault, draw the same tree in four different seasons, write a Bible verse, ANYTHING!

11:23:36 [txmusicmom] Do you still do it with highschoolers/

11:23:39 [3chords] my boys have trouble with writing and one just doesn't draw, can notebooks still bedone?

11:23:39 [Lauralee] My children are 8(almost 9) 6 ,4(almost5) and 3

11:23:52 [kerrihop] 3chords, depending on their ages, have them write about the experience, add drawings, photos, etc or look up some information on gymnastics & have them copy it. viola! a notebook page!

11:24:03 [babs] So, notebooking is like journaling on one particular topic with a twist?

11:24:05 [Cindy] Here are some quick steps for notebooking in this article:
<http://www.cindyrushton.com/cgi-bin/cutecast/cutecast.pl?session=Y1DvImIQFogrrbExVrbFkDUFMi&action=&forum=29&thread=358&user=&query=&msgid=&page=&sort=&do=&key=&others=>

11:24:19 [txmusicmom] with lapbooks and younger children-- I photocopied things for them to cut and paste

11:24:28 **[petersoncl]** My children are currently keeping a bird notebook, a shark notebook, a wildflower notebook, and all keep timelines and Bible notebooks.

11:24:28 **[kerrihop]** 3 chords, i say absolutely. my 8yo hates to write, so i let him draw

11:24:31 **[Lauralee]** I've read Cindy's CM Primer, that helped so much!

11:24:37 **[kerrihop]** also he narrates to me

11:24:54 **[3chords]** my 8 yr old doesnt write or draw,LOL, he needs a recorderchip,LOL

11:24:55 **[Cindy]** My son just graduated and my daughter (who is sitting in the floor writing in her notebook now! hehe!) is going into the 10th grade. YES! WE notebook AND lapbook! OH! Did I mention that *I* do it! 😊

11:24:55 **[kerrihop]** and we bought a tape recorder so he can tell stories into it

11:25:08 **[Lauralee]** The kids really like to see their work become a treasure that even needs protective covers!

11:25:11 **[kerrihop]** i can't wait til he learns to type! lol

11:25:18 **[petersoncl]** Digital cameras are great fun, too.

11:25:20 **[MelissaG]** Thanks for all the links! Will we be able to use them when the chat is over?

11:25:31 **[Lauralee]** My 8yr does not like to write much either.

11:25:36 **[Cindy]** Make it simple. Each day find a special GEM to copy. Maybe a bible verse...maybe a neat poem...maybe an awesome quote...

11:26:03 **[Lauralee]** We keep it short, I use to give him jelly beans for every line he finished. That worked great!

11:26:09 **[Cindy]** Copy it on a sheet of paper. Add it to the notebook! FOR REAL! That easy! Don't leave yet...we can make it even more fun!

11:26:23 **[txmusicmom]** Oh-- Cindy I 've read so much --just haven't really taken the plunge-- what would a high school Bible notebook look like?

11:26:23 **[Cindy]** My son never has done much more than that.

11:26:32 **[Cindy]** BUT! Elisabeth LOVES to adorn her pages.

11:27:03 **[Lauralee]** LOL

11:27:15 **[Cindy]** She is the child who loves to cut her passage out and paste it onto bright colored paper...and add a sticker or stamp it! 😊

11:27:18 **[3chords]** sounds like notebooking is something we can add to our reptiore, but it's be more once a week, at least to start

11:27:33 **jane enters this room**

11:27:33 **[Lauralee]** Do 8yr girls have as much trouble with writing? Or is it just that boys don't like to sit?

11:27:33 **[3chords]** they'd feel too pressured to write,perform, if we started daily

11:27:59 **[petersoncl]** Notebooking is just sort of natural... you can put ANYTHING in it... it doesn't need to be an extra subject.

11:28:06 **[suzi]** Notebooking really isn't something we have to think about doing.

11:28:10 **[kerrihop]** my son is very uncomfortable with trying to form the letters

11:28:13 **[anitaw]** my 8 year old doesn't like to write

11:28:19 **[Cindy]** That reached her from the early years. Now...she loves it for creating her own textbooks representing her studies AND for collecting her favorite gems along the way. It is a life discipline. Foundational to becoming a great writer. Which she is! 😊

11:28:20 **[juls]** My 7yr old girl does not like writing either.

11:28:22 **[petersoncl]** That's exactly it. It

11:28:28 **[txmusicmom]** Do you notebook each subject?-- or keep it more unit study

11:28:30 **[suzi]** We don't really do worksheets , so we pretty much notebook all the time.

11:28:33 **[kerrihop]** i'll be patient, small motor sometimes doesn't come until much later

11:28:39 **[Cindy]** 3chords...what are you doing each day?

11:28:56 **[3chords]** during school weeks or now?

11:28:59 **[Lauralee]** That was hard to not organize the notebook, but I didn't I just stuck it all in one and I saw that it has it's own subjects appearing!

11:29:13 **[petersoncl]** It's not hard. For my 8 yo who hates writing, we print things out and he colors it. Or he might write one sentence only. Yet he is the one who loves the books most.

11:29:28 **[Cindy]** We notebook each day. Some of our pages have followed themes that demanded their own private notebook. Like the Civil War...the Human Body...Ancient History...etc.

11:29:47 **[3chords]** my younger two barely write still, my youngest doesn't write or draw/color much, my oldest likes to write stories- on the computer, noy by hand

11:30:09 **[Cindy]** Ok...3chords...

11:30:13 **[suzi]** There is a great site I love to go to about notebooking. It is notebooking.org

11:30:19 **[Cindy]** This is ONE reason to notebook EVERY DAY! 😊

11:30:34 **[3chords]** we are learning about the revolutionary war right now

11:30:38 **[Cindy]** There is something about KEEPING the work that inspires them to write and write well.

11:30:52 **[Lauralee]** Draw,Write, Now has made my son a lot more confident in his drawing. I notice he comes up with his own ideas now too.

11:30:56 **[Cindy]** Keep EVERYTHING! 😊Spoken as a mom who is still mushy from graduation! hehe!

11:30:58 **[suzi]** That would make a perfect notebooking start 3Chords

11:31:07 **[Cindy]** Revolutionary War would be a great theme!

11:31:31 **[Cindy]** A great theme for a notebook OR at the end a really cool lapbook!

11:31:40 **[Cindy]** Some ideas...

11:31:44 **[3chords]** I just think my boys would feel they are being made to do more work, right now we just read and talk

11:31:50 **[Cindy]** Keep pictures of the PEOPLE from the time period.

11:31:55 **[Lauralee]** My son loves Little Pilgrims Progress, so we drew pictures, copied some sentences...

11:31:58 **[MelissaG]** We notebook whatever he's done for school for the day. He'll be K this year, and I plan to do one book each year.

11:32:01 **[kerrihop]** besides Cindy, do any of you hs a highschooler?

11:32:04 **[3chords]** pictures are good

11:32:10 **[Cindy]** Keep maps...track battles and events like a timeline

11:32:11 **[suzi]** 3chords if your children are too young to write have them dictate and you write about what they are learning

11:32:26 **[Cindy]** Find research on the web and keep it.

11:32:38 **[Cindy]** Make cute booklets with info on the little things you are learning.

11:32:43 **[Lauralee]** Yes, my 6yr loves to draw a picture and then I write the story he dictates.

11:32:49 **[Isam]** Yes, I homeschool a highschooler.

11:33:02 **[rootbear50]** me too

11:33:18 **[3chords]** there was a question about high school Bible themes notebook

11:33:20 [Cindy] Homeschooling a high schooler is NO different than the early years...

11:33:23 [suzi] kerrihop I have a just beginning middle schooler, 6th grade

11:33:37 **lost enters this room**

11:34:01 [Cindy] You are teaching them along the way...prayerfully, HEARING God (maybe more than ever)...inspiring them with new ideas...cheering them on...

11:34:06 [3chords] Hi lost

11:34:14 [kerrihop] Cindy, I hear what you are saying, it's just so hard to BELIEVE!

11:34:14 [suzi] KrisINTN we used the History pockets for notebooking but you probably could use them in a lapbook as well. We loved them

11:34:16 [3chords] we are chatting about notebooks and lapbooks

11:34:19 [lost] Hi There!

11:34:19 [Cindy] The BIG difference is letting them loose MORE AND MORE to do things on their own.

11:35:06 [Cindy] These years are TOO important to change back into bondage and methods that obviously do not work for younger children or adults. Go for the GOLD! You won't be sorry!

11:35:15 [Cindy] Ok...back to your questions...

11:35:20 [suzi] That's where I am trying to get Cindy. I would like ds to start lapbooking again but making the booklets and lapbooks somewhat on his own.

11:35:22 [kerrihop] I bought Dinah Zikes Science for Middle & High School - it has a bunch of little books to make in ti

11:35:26 [Lauralee] I love it when my ds gets an idea and pulls out the trees and shrubs book and goes hunting for plants.

11:35:32 [lost] Thank you, 3chords, I'm hoping to learn more about them.

11:35:35 [Cindy] Kerrihop, Yes! BUT! Salvation is too! It is JUST TOO easy! 😊

11:36:01 [Lauralee] I just let him do it and leave my school plans behind

11:36:06 [Cindy] God's old paths always are! AND lifegiving! AND fun! 😊

11:36:13 [kerrihop] i get it, i get it!

11:36:13 [lsam] Cindy, could you do a chat on Highschool?

11:36:16 [Cindy] Now, you CAN have plans

11:36:35 [suzi] Kerrihop have your children enjoyed the Zikes Science. I have considered getting the US history one

11:36:38 [lsam] Not just notebooking highschool, just highschool in general.

11:36:38 [Cindy] Just be sure to not sacrifice THE CHILD or leave God behind in YOUR PLANS...make sense?

11:36:49 [Cindy] Yep! Maybe next time we can do a high school chat??? Sure thing! 😊

11:37:21 [3chords] the turn out here was AWESOME! I think I'll go head and take ideas and schedule some more chats

11:37:25 [suzi] I would love to hear more about highschool. I really want to get prepared for it before he gets that age.

11:37:25 **angelabox enters this room**

11:37:28 [Cindy] Soooo...back to your notebooking/lapbooking questions...

11:37:44 [3chords] I'll put out a list of topics and ask for suggestions.... back to Cindy

11:37:45 [Cindy] I have a TON of writing coming out on high school

11:37:51 [3chords] Hi angel, welcome

11:37:55 [**Lauralee**] Yes I agree Cindy. 😊 I was just so excited that he was interested enough in something to go look it up himself, although when I suggested he write down the plant names he learned he was done with that!

11:38:13 [**Isam**] Do you put everything they do in a notebook or just select things?

11:38:13 [**txmusicmom**] is there going to be a transcript available-- I had to take a little one potty!

11:38:13 [**suzi**] I would like ideas on lapbooking for a middle schooler. Maybe for history and science

11:38:41 [**Cindy**] I believe it is very, very important to trust God during those days more than ever. Satan loves to distract! Think about HIS strategy...sad! I love that God got my attention early, early on! I never wanted to waste even ONE minute! 😊

11:39:06 [**Cindy**] Isam...I let them do much of that themselves.

11:39:14 [**Cindy**] In the early years, I assigned everything

11:39:17 [**suzi**] Isam I let ds put everything in his notebooks and then at the end of the year I weed some things out and save some. This is for his school notebook.

11:39:27 [**Cindy**] Until then found BETTER material than I was finding-- 😊

11:39:35 [**kerrihop**] I haven't actually started using Zikes Science, i got it for next "school year"

11:39:39 [**Cindy**] Isn't that MY life story?

11:39:46 [**lbrtbl**] I'm glad He finally got my attention after all these years

11:39:46 [**KrisInTN**] Suzi, check out the Scholastic Hands-on History Series by Michael Gravois - it's for grades 4-8 and my kids love them! For science, Dinah Zike has a book for middle and high school kids.

11:39:49 **lisa enters this room**

11:39:51 **skdasto enters this room**

11:39:52 [**txmusicmom**] LOL Cindy -- where did they find the material?

11:39:58 [**kerrihop**] my dd15 is very creative, i think she'll enjoy making the little books

11:40:22 [**kerrihop**] she'll probably even want to make the booklets into a lapbook

11:40:23 [**Cindy**] Kerrihop, she will be AMAZING!

11:40:43 [**3chords**] Hello Lisa and skdasto

11:40:50 [**Cindy**] They LOVE making little booklets. That is why Lapbooking can be SUCH a great tool for teaching EVERYTHING!

11:40:54 **lisa exits from this room**

11:40:57 [**MelissaG**] How do you organize your notebooks? By year, subject etc?

11:40:58 [**skdasto**] Hello all...Sorry to be late!!

11:40:58 [**kerrihop**] Cindy - i just cannot wait to read your highschool stuff

11:41:01 [**3chords**] welcome. if you have questions about notebook.lapbook, ask

11:41:30 [**suzi**] For those who lapbook if I were to do lapbooks with ds for history, how many should I have him do a week. I tend to over do. Just curious what others would expect.

11:41:34 [**txmusicmom**] Cindy -- if you don't assign -- how do they know where to go?

11:41:43 [**Cindy**] I have a friend who has really inspired me with Lapbooks. She puts a GAME in each of hers. When the children come to play the game, they CANNOT help but to open those sweet booklets AND REVIEW their topics! (hehe!) 😊

11:41:49 [**suzi**] I meant how many booklets for the lapbooks not lapbooks

11:42:10 [**3chords**] depends on how mush in in each booklet, I guess

11:42:13 [**Cindy**] I would say make a little booklet as it comes up...

11:42:18 **lisa enters this room**

11:42:34 [**Cindy**] Some children would love making them ALL DAY LONG! 😊 Others would DIE if they made one a month! hehe!

11:42:39 [**Lauralee**] Do you have any suggestions for notebooking? Like do I print line by line and they print under mine? Or do I write on a separate page and they copy from that?

11:43:02 **juls exits from this room**

11:43:14 [**3chords**] I guess whatever works for your kids, you could even write on a dryerase board and have them copy, I guess

11:43:20 [**suzi**] Lauralee if it were me I would probably have them copy from another page to create their own

11:44:09 [**Cindy**] Take the information and add it to the booklets. You can use scraps of paper for the copied information. Then, glue into the booklets. Follow Tammy DUBY's advice (see <http://www.tobinslab.com>) by keeping your booklets in a plastic baggie until you are ready to add to the file folder (lapbook)

11:44:32 [**Cindy**] Lauralee, I have done different things during the journey

11:44:43 [**3chords**] I want to make a wheel, LOL, that's what I'm looking forward to

11:44:43 [**motherofsi**] I have a question on narrating? Do you have them narrate everything they read and everything you read them or just some things?

11:45:10 [**Lauralee**] That would be nicer to have only their work in their notebook, not mine too.

11:45:16 [**txmusicmom**] Cindy -- when I lapbooked several years back- I found it helpful to *premake* the little booklets and then have them to choose one to put the info on-

11:45:55 [**Cindy**] I began copying the selection on "primer" paper...with space below to copy. That worked great. As passages increased or as they wanted THEIR OWN writing on the page, I expanded into writing on separate pages and letting them copy. As they became more proficient at handwriting, they copied straight from resources.

11:46:11 [**suzi**] Cindy other than math have you used curriculum through the years or just notebooking and creating your own lessons?

11:46:16 [**Lauralee**] We haven't narrated everything, but I usually get him narrate stories he's read alone,, so I know he's actually read it 😊

11:46:37 [**Cindy**] Now, they find their whole passages and choose what they need to "fill the whole" in their study--like writing a book.

11:46:39 [**peteroncl**] My younger ones I have write every line below me, then we cut it out and paste it together on another piece of paper.

11:46:43 **lisa enters this room**

11:46:56 [**KrisInTN**] It's been fun, but I gotta run! :-)

11:47:10 **KrisInTN exits from this room**

11:47:16 [**3chords**] thanks for coming Kris

11:47:21 [**Cindy**] For example, Matthew realized (gasp!) that he did not have a copy of the Declaration of Independence (obviously I did not ask him to copy that when he was EIGHT! hehe)...he decided to copy it on his own! I LOVE IT!

11:47:43 [**3chords**] my boys would just print a copy from the internet,LOL

11:47:49 [**Cindy**] I missed some questions...let me read...

11:47:56 [**Cindy**] Great job!

11:47:59 **sgaylep enters this room**

11:48:22 [Cindy] You can also use <http://www.StartWrite.com> to type in your lessons and to produce pages for them to use! NEAT product!

11:48:26 [Lauralee] LOL, my son looks at his copy work sometimes and says "Three lines mom, I can only do 2"

11:48:35 [3chords] sgaylep, welcome to the notebook/lapbook chat

11:48:41 [Cindy] Motherofsi... Narration could be a topic of its own! hehe!

11:49:02 [3chords] sit back and enjoy Cindy's wisdom, she'll let us know when she's ready for the next question

11:49:10 [3chords] and ask any questions you have

11:49:20 [Cindy] My narration lessons have fluctuated through the years.

11:50:05 [sgaylep] Hi, I was catching up reading. Hello, all!

11:50:08 [Cindy] One quickie--Lauralee...less is TRULY best! He is probably getting very, very tired. Test this! Try to write the SAME passage YOURSELF with your OTHER hand. Same neatness as you require... 😊

11:50:20 [motherofsi] We are reading The Complete Chronicles of Narnia together as a family and then narrating back each chapter and then typing it to put in a notebook.

11:50:21 [3chords] hi , sgaylep

11:50:24 [Cindy] It will help you to see how exhausting writing can be!

11:50:31 [lsam] My ds is 15 and we discuss more than narrate. We read aloud or listen to a book on tape and as interesting things cross our minds we discuss them.

11:50:35 **cantini05 enters this room**

11:50:42 [txmusicmom] Oh Cindy-- you got me on that one! Left handed!

11:50:51 [Cindy] Look for great passages that have gems--neat statements...great facts...etc!

11:50:55 [Cindy] YEP!

11:50:56 **blessingx4 enters this room**

11:51:01 [Cindy] Less is best!

11:51:08 [3chords] I think by boys would no longer enjoy the story if they had to do that,

11:51:16 [Cindy] We are building writers to ROCK OUR CULTURE! Step-by-step!

11:51:17 [3chords] they do like to act it out the next day though

11:51:27 **babs exits from this room**

11:51:31 [Cindy] The old paths WORK...IF we trust and obey!

11:51:43 [Cindy] Don't rush out there!

11:51:45 [peteroncl] Acting it out is a narration. There you have it!

11:51:52 [skdasto] Cindy, if you could only buy 1 book of these 2 books by Dinah Zike which one would you buy and why "The Big Books of Books" or "The Big Book of Projects"? I have Tammy Duby's book however she refers to both books but I would like your opinion!!!

11:51:52 [Cindy] Anything GREAT takes time!

11:51:54 [txmusicmom] old paths??? Expound!

11:51:59 [3chords] O.K..... just no writing it out, LOL

11:52:01 [Cindy] Anything great will also be hit by the enemy! 😊

11:52:20 [sgaylep] My 3yo reminded me of an acting out from last year...I was surprised he remembered.

11:52:22 [Lauralee] Yikes, I don't think I could write as neatly as he does! Yes, but sometimes the sentence is 3 lines long that's about 4 or 5 words to a line, we write big I think it's easier for young ones to write bigger than smaller. But I'll try and find shorter sentences and see how that goes.

11:52:24 **[motherofsi]** At first the older kids said they didn't remember anything. But as the younger ones were narrating the story the older ones started adding what they remembered. It was amazing!

11:52:41 **[Cindy]** skdasto, I have both....hummm...ughhhh...probably The Big Book of Books. Great help! 😊

11:53:04 **[Cindy]** Great job Lauralee!

11:53:17 **[Cindy]** Back to narration real quick...THANKS motherofsi! 😊 You are a doll!

11:53:31 **[skdasto]** Thank you!!!

11:53:36 **[Cindy]** Ok...I have used narration in many forms. The best way to make it work great is to remember that it is ALL about developing their minds, memory, and abilities to articulate what is going inside. It is the perfect TEST!

11:54:25 **[lost]** Do you ever record or video your child's narration and make that part of your notebook?

11:54:26 **[sgaylep]** What forms of narration, Cindy? There's more than one?

11:54:35 **[Cindy]** It is the perfect teacher of COMPOSITION!

11:55:17 **[Cindy]** Children (and adults) go through many, many forms of Narration on the journey to becoming a great writer.

11:55:38 **[Cindy]** In the early years...think of those adorable little children when you read a picture book...

11:55:47 **[sgaylep]** Okay...?

11:55:54 **[sgaylep]** I'm listening...

11:56:06 **[Cindy]** You just TRY to miss a word...they KNOW what was THERE in the story! Just listen in...

11:57:05 **[Cindy]** You will hear the little ones, just 1 1/2 or 2, take a book and RETELL (narrate) exactly what the book says--with the same inflections...same giggles...same vocabulary...

11:57:10 **[Isam]** I agree Cindy your stuff is great and easy to read. You are a great writer.

11:57:16 **[sgaylep]** You're right. I get it. It's like tying shoes; once you do it, you don't think about the process, but when you have to teach it...ooh-buddy!

11:57:16 **[3chords]** I guess maybe I'm happy with my own ideas and don't want too much input to confuse me,LOL

11:57:38 **[Cindy]** You miss a word when reading and YOU FAIL THE TEST! 😊 START OVER MOMMY! 100% or nothing! hehe!

11:57:39 **[MelissaG]** My time is up ladies, hope I'll be able to get a transcript later. It's been fun, I've just had trouble taking it all in!

11:57:43 **[txmusicmom]** like goodnight moon-- I did something silly -- and they mimic me

11:57:58 **[suzi]** 3chords I agree too much info will make you start feeling you aren't doing enough because some one else is doing something but all children learn differently

11:58:00 **[lbrtbl]** I hear you 3chords

11:58:09 **[3chords]** thanks for coming Melissa

11:58:11 **[Cindy]** Now...IF we can grasp ahold of these models we can train great writers AND insure that they are really GETTING IT when we teach their lessons.

11:58:30 **[Isam]** 3chords, I applaud you. I wish I could do that. I don't think it has helped me any to have all of these books except to confuse me. lol

11:58:31 **[Lauralee]** Spirit Lead Homeschool would be the same as any Spirit Lead thing in Life. You pray, seek the Lord for answers read His word and Listen to what he shows

- you. That's what I have done, also He gives answers through my Husband too when I share my ideas, questions with my Husband.
- 11:58:33 **[motherofsi]** My 13 year old son ran into a Saguaro Cactus last week while playing baseball in the backyard. Very painful. The next day he narrated what happened with the help of his brothers while I wrote it all down. He is now copying his story in his own handwriting and then he will type it.
- 11:58:56 **[3chords]** It is 3 O'clock, but if anyone wants to stay, they can'
- 11:59:02 **[suzi]** Cindy in your book LANGUAGE ARTS THE EASY WAY do talk about writing and teaching writing
- 11:59:14 **[3chords]** Lauralee, yep, that wt I do I guess
- 11:59:16 **[Cindy]** Yes, suzi
- 11:59:22 **[motherofsi]** yes, she does and it is wonderful.
- 11:59:24 **[txmusicmom]** Cindy-- <<F we can grasp ahold of these models we can train great writers AND insure that they are really GETTING IT when we teach their lessons.>>>EMBELLISH please
- 11:59:31 **[Cindy]** I also have a NEW book HOMEMADE BOOKS that has EVEN MORE--
- 11:59:32 **[sgaylep]** I just "googled" "spirit led homeschooling" and got 5 hits; the first defined by Howshall
- 12:00:22 **[3chords]** sounds like a fun way to make great writers!
- 12:00:44 **[suzi]** Cingy do you use curriculum along with your style of homeschooling or just create your own lessons
- 12:00:46 **[3chords]** the notebooking ideas that is
- 12:00:53 **[lbrtbl]** yes, Lauralee, He is so good
- 12:00:57 **[Lauralee]** Also When I've asked the Lord for direction He has shown me things like, Ambleside Online. Which was a wonderful introduction to the CM style of homeschool
- 12:00:58 **[lbrtbl]** if we will just listen
- 12:01:03 **MelissaG exits from this room**
- 12:01:18 **[Cindy]** In HMBooks (see this link: <http://www.cindyrushton.com/HMBEBOOK.html>) I really, really detailed things better than ever! :)
- 12:02:17 **[Lauralee]** I'm getting way off topic sorry 😊
- 12:02:20 **[Cindy]** Ok...real quick...back to narration...We went through
- 12:02:47 **[Cindy]** We began parenting just reading and listening to our little ones. We would talk about EVERYTHING...books, ideas, what we were learning, what we were doing, things we saw, on and on.
- 12:03:37 **[Cindy]** That is just being a mommy...a daddy!
- 12:03:43 **[Cindy]** That is being a family! BUT!
- 12:04:00 **[sgaylep]** Cindy, does your new book have lapbooking in it?
- 12:04:09 **[Cindy]** Education scared me! I immediately went to the WAYS of the schools and educators of OUR DAY! Hint! It doesn't work!
- 12:04:41 **[sgaylep]** Doesn't education have to scare us for it to be true learning and growth...it's getting out of the comfort zone of the known?
- 12:04:42 **[Lauralee]** HeeHee ok Narration, my ds is getting so much better, I had to ask lots of question for the first 30 or 40 narrations LOL but I think he gets what I'm looking for now. He was in tears at the last narration he gave because he was so touched by the story.

12:04:53 [Cindy] Took about two days and I was in misery!

12:05:17 [Cindy] In the course of a year, I was in tears and Matthew hated "school" with me!

12:05:23 [3chords] I don't think education has to scare us at all

12:05:34 [Cindy] Then, we found these crazy ideas...that ended up working! 😊

12:05:50 [sgaylep] Cindy, does your new book have lapbooking in it?

12:05:54 [txmusicmom] which are.....

12:05:57 [3chords] "God has not given us the spirit of fear" , so I am leary of things that scare- they must not be from God

12:05:58 [Cindy] Narration then came back into the picture as an educational approach!

12:06:25 [Lauralee] Yes, I too tried have a "school" in my home, it was fighting all the time to get our required work done.

12:06:26 **Karen_AL enters this room**

12:06:39 [suzi] I think narration comes naturally for us. I find some make it too much work.

12:06:41 [3chords] HiKaren, welcome to the room

12:06:49 [jane] cindy to draw, what teaching did you use?

12:06:54 [Cindy] OT...sgaylep, there is a chapter in HMBOOKS...but not a lot. I plan on offering a free EBOOK and online workshop on Lapbooking to my subscribers for FREE! Subscribe today at: <http://www.CindyRushton.com/subscribe.html>

12:07:03 [Karen_AL] Hey ladies! sorry I am late LOL

12:07:06 [suzi] We just discuss a chapter or book as we finish it. I have done this with ds since he was very small.

12:07:09 [jane] that is if the children are to draw.

12:07:18 [txmusicmom] Can we listen to her current thread please?? 😊

12:07:20 [Cindy] Ok...back to narration..suzi, you are RIGHT!

12:07:29 [Cindy] Hi karen!

12:07:30 [sgaylep] God didn't tell us we wouldn't experience fear. We're just not s'posed to respond to it, but instead "take courage" and do it anyway.

12:07:36 [Lauralee] Home Education didn't scare me I was really confident and excited, and then I had a child who just was not into it. AT ALL!

12:07:39 [txmusicmom] how did it look different Cindy?

12:08:08 [Karen_AL] Hey Cindy

12:08:09 [Cindy] THANKS txmusicmom! I am really, really, really trying to help on one topic only at a time. Let's make this as easy on those new to chats as possible--AND it keeps me on track! 😊

12:08:23 **angelabox exits from this room**

12:08:39 [suzi] CINDY is this subscription link to the ezine or something different

12:08:52 [Cindy] Yes! We actually offer several ezines. You can choose which ones you prefer on that subscription page.

12:09:03 [Cindy] ok...now...I am finding where I was... 😊

12:09:24 [txmusicmom] OK--What did you do different after that didn't work

12:09:25 [Lauralee] My son will draw or act out a narration rather than write it, My mother (a school teacher) suggested diaramas

12:09:55 [Cindy] Narration was one of the old paths that God wanted to bring back into our homeschool

12:10:10 [Lauralee] A dirama(sp) is a scene made in a shoebox or little theatre like thing you make and the child recreates the story

12:10:11 [Cindy] Part of it was simply LISTENING and BEING A FAMILY!

12:10:34 [txmusicmom] Oh-- that sounds NICE!

12:11:14 **petersoncl exits from this room**

12:11:23 [Cindy] I DID spend a season with each of the children working on Written Narration and how to take their "ideas" and oral narrations and put that into a printed format

12:11:41 [Lauralee] My 6yr did a narration, he read a story to me, he was doing it by memory 😊

12:11:44 [sgaylep] How'd that go?

12:11:46 [Cindy] It was a WONDERFUL training ground. Like writing with training wheels! 😊

12:11:56 [Cindy] It was hard, hard work!

12:12:00 [txmusicmom] If you could start again-- how would you do it? I have my second set starting school

12:12:04 [Lauralee] How old were your children when you did that Cindy?

12:12:14 **Shari enters this room**

12:12:22 [Cindy] I do not recommend doing that until they are copying selections daily into their notebooks that measure 1/2 to 3/4 of a page long.

12:12:25 [blessingx4] Cindy, that's the stage I'm at - with four boys -- all reluctant writers so far. Any suggestions?

12:12:32 [Cindy] Both were about 9 1/2-10

12:12:32 [3chords] Hi Shari!~

12:12:43 [Lauralee] Hmm, could be awhile!

12:12:56 [txmusicmom] Before then--just narrate and copywork?

12:12:57 [Shari] Hello!

12:13:03 [Cindy] blessings...great question! Go back to some EASIER copywork each day

12:13:08 [blessingx4] Did you use an outline or anything -- or simply have them write down their version of a part of the story?

12:13:09 [Cindy] Yes, txmusicmom

12:13:22 [txmusicmom] Wahoo! This is going to be fun!!!

12:13:26 [Lauralee] Oh, that's not to far from my ds he'll be 9 in Aug. Wow, I can't imagine him writing 1/2 page!

12:13:32 [Cindy] Before that, establish copywork lessons EACH DAY.

12:13:37 [blessingx4] We have done copywork for 2-3 years off an on. We can't seem to move past copywork.

12:13:59 [sgaylep] How long can creating the copywork habit take?

12:14:32 [blessingx4] They can narrate and discuss all day long -- it's making the transition to getting it down on paper that seems to block us.

12:14:34 [3chords] why is copywork important each day?

12:14:42 [3chords] (wanting your thoughts on it)

12:14:53 [suzi] This has been great but I have to go! Have A Great Day!!

12:14:55 [Cindy] A little each day. If they are reluctant...shorten the passage, prune ANY extra writing assignments for a season (don't get scared!), and let them build back an affection for writing.

12:15:05 [Lauralee] It helps improve writing skill, it also teaches all their language arts.

12:15:11 [3chords] it's like pulling teeth, without painkillers

12:15:15 [txmusicmom] Copywork is the training wheels, correct?

12:15:17 [Cindy] Slow down gals! 😊 I promise to take the time to answer! 😊

12:15:21 [**Lauralee**] And you can keep it short if you do a little each day

12:15:33 [**Cindy**] Ohhh! Suzi! I will publish the transcript in the ezine later! 😊

12:15:46 [**Cindy**] Copywork is ESSENTIAL writing for ALL writers.

12:15:47 [**txmusicmom**] Bless you Cindy!!!!

12:15:59 [**suzi**] Thanks! bye

12:16:13 [**Cindy**] If you will look at the writers of the past, they all kept journals of copywork till they died! TREASURES!

12:16:14 **suzi exits from this room**

12:16:38 [**Lauralee**] LOL sorry, I must be too excited I love school CM style, I wish I had found it 4 yrs ago!

12:16:44 [**Cindy**] If you could spend the evening with some of today's leading writers, they ALL keep quotes in journals!

12:17:08 [**Pam**] 'Sorry that I have to go & also 'sorry to get off subject, but, Cindy, will you be in Chattanooga at the Curriculum Fair in July?

12:17:15 [**Isam**] Back on great writers and their copywork. Did they copy other great writers or what?

12:17:24 [**3chords**] thanks for coming Pam

12:17:31 [**Cindy**] Look at GOD! He has a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE that He IS keeping! It has much, much more significance than at first glance--in fact, look for a WHOLE book on that in the future by me! 😊

12:17:42 [**Shari**] I am new to CM style of learning, but not new to homeschooling. I didn't even know what narration was until just recently.

12:18:16 [**Lauralee**] Copywork is like pulling teeth here sometimes too 3chords.

12:18:20 [**Cindy**] Pam...no, I will be in Huntsville the following weekend...and I am planning a MOMMY PJ PARTY that you might can come to! I HOPE! 😊

12:18:48 [**Cindy**] There are some things that make Copywork more manageable...

12:18:58 [**txmusicmom**] So do you keep the quotes in the 3-ring notebook or in a smaller bound notebook?

12:19:07 [**Cindy**] Try quick, neat mottoes.

12:19:08 [**3chords**] we still do writing with fingerpaints and side walk chalk on with dry erase markers on the window, with the 8 yr old.

12:19:12 [**3chords**] :-P

12:19:15 [**3chords**] :P

12:19:23 [**Cindy**] Oops misspelled that!

12:19:42 [**Cindy**] Try information on a topic of THEIR interest.

12:20:03 [**Cindy**] Let them find NEAT info for their notebooks...like a daily scavenger hunt.

12:20:14 [**3chords**] do you think you can make a child love writing if they detest it?

12:20:14 [**Pam**] Waaaah!! I'll look for the details on the PJ party! Thanks, Cindy & everyone else.

12:20:19 [**Isam**] Do you even do copywork in highschool?

12:20:20 [**txmusicmom**] Like-- let them loose?

12:20:22 [**Cindy**] Try quote books on a topic of their interest

12:20:45 [**Lauralee**] Sometimes I find they get frustrated with their work because it's not as neat as mine.

12:20:47 [**motherofsi**] My boys, on their own, started copying paragraphs out of a book about the Star Wars movies. That interested them. I was just glad to see them writing.

12:21:27 [**3chords**] Lauralee, that is why mine preffer typing,

12:21:27 **[Cindy]** FINALLY...Make sure to scrap the EXTRAS and let them know that if they do THIS much EACH DAY, that is ALL they have to do. Don't add to the lessons when they are going good! 😊(guess how I know that one!???)

12:21:54 **[Cindy]** Lauralee, try the <http://www.StartWrite.com> program. It will then be the COMPUTER and NOT YOU! :)

12:21:58 **[txmusicmom]** ?? Explain

12:22:07 **[Cindy]** Great job motherofsi! You have got it!

12:22:25 **[3chords]** my oldest like blogs, because he like changing colors and messing with the HTML, LOL

12:22:28 **[Cindy]** They are writing...the lessons are IMMEASURABLE! Soak it up!

12:22:29 **[motherofsi]** Then they typed them up, added pictures they got off the internet or drew themselves, and put them in their notebooks.

12:22:32 **[txmusicmom]** scrap the extras?

12:22:39 **[Lauralee]** Yes I saved it in my favorites so I can stay and glean all I can!

12:22:47 **[blessingx4]** Cindy, what all do you consider to be extras?

12:22:52 **sherig enters this room**

12:23:01 **[3chords]** Hi Sherig

12:23:05 **[blessingx4]** I think this is where I probably set us up for failure every time.

12:23:06 **lost exits from this room**

12:23:06 **[Cindy]** Pam, It will either be here or over toward Huntsville. I am working with some hotels now

12:23:40 **[Karen_AL]** Cindy, are you coming back to alabama?

12:23:51 **[Cindy]** Extras...(OK, Don't get mad at me!!! hehe!)...grammar books, vocabulary books, literature books, spelling programs.

12:24:01 **[motherofsi]** God has been revealing His ways of teaching to me through your wonderful books, Cindy.

12:24:01 **[Cindy]** 😊

12:24:04 **[3chords]** I need to go read with the kids and slather my legs in Calimine lotion before I DIE. it was a nice chat, I'm so happy with the outcome!!!!

12:24:21 **[blessingx4]** okay -- that's what I was thinking.

12:24:25 **[Lauralee]** Not mad about that, I'd love to get rid of all that clutter!!!!

12:24:26 **[txmusicmom]** OHHH-- I thought you meant *scrapbook* the extras-- LOL

12:24:26 **[Karen_AL]** cya Kim

12:24:28 **[motherofsi]** And His ways work!

12:24:44 **[Karen_AL]** WOW get rid of all of those

12:24:50 **[kerrihop]** Thanks 3chords - feel better!

12:24:50 **[Pam]** Where is "here"? Your home or are you on the road?

12:24:53 **[blessingx4]** I need to put my "blindens" back on and not pay attention to what other families around here are doing in their homeschools.

12:24:59 **[txmusicmom]** Then what do you do with the day?

12:25:07 **[Lauralee]** bye 3chords thanks for chatting 😊

12:25:11 **[Karen_AL]** that will be hard for me!

12:25:52 **[txmusicmom]** If you scrap the extras-- what do the rest of the day--- with their time???

12:26:01 **[kerrihop]** Karen, you are really not getting rid of them - you are just teaching them in a different, more natural, way

12:26:22 [**Cindy**] LIFE! 😊

12:26:31 [**Cindy**] OH! That was an answer!

12:26:46 [**kerrihop**] txmusicmom - let them play, enjoy discovering the world around them, even when they are big, if they don't have time to find out what God designed them for we have failed our job

12:26:48 [**Cindy**] My children have had businesses, helped in our ministry, WROTE BOOKS, etc

12:27:07 [**txmusicmom**] I agree!

12:27:22 [**Cindy**] Some of their greatest writing projects came as a result of TIME that they had to pursue interests and work on writing projects that were real life!

12:27:30 [**blissingx4**] Cindy -- checked out your son's website. My almost 14yos would love to do something like that with knives!

12:27:52 [**kerrihop**] my oldest just started the outline for her first BOOK!

12:27:58 [**txmusicmom**] How do you direct that instead of *computer time * or video games??

12:28:00 [**blissingx4**] Sorry -- I know that was off topic...

12:28:10 [**Cindy**] Matthew's Civil War Notebooks (There are TWO) came from his afternoons that were free to STUDY MORE! 😊 Poor warped kid! hehe!

12:28:33 [**Cindy**] Txmusicmom...That was a challenge only one major time.

12:28:43 [**txmusicmom**] and.....

12:28:45 [**kerrihop**] Call it "free study time" that way they know it's not gameboy time

12:28:49 **Pam exits from this room**

12:28:50 **Beebob enters this room**

12:29:01 [**Cindy**] Matthew now encourages younger students to be VERY aware that their time is precious and fleeting...

12:29:14 [**Lauralee**] How old are they when they pursue things like writing their own projects. My ds wants to play computer games or Ninetendo. I limit the time amount spent there, then they play together outside or inside if it's raining.

12:29:32 [**txmusicmom**] more.....???

12:29:33 [**Cindy**] I was really having a hard time with his choice of activities. I felt horrible that I had bought a computer that became my OWN enemy.

12:29:46 [**txmusicmom**] I agree Cindy-- I hear you-

12:29:48 [**Cindy**] I am sticking with questions till they are done and then we move on to the next question.

12:30:01 [**Lauralee**] YES , that's how I feel!!

12:30:22 [**Cindy**] I NAGGED. He didn't really respond. SHOCKED!!!!

12:30:28 [**txmusicmom**] It's seems MOST boys are drawn to those things-

12:30:30 [**Karen_AL**] I have told my kids, if you watch 30 minutes of TV or a movie then you owe me 30 minutes of reading

12:31:02 [**txmusicmom**] Cindy-- what was the breakthrough???

12:31:03 [**Cindy**] Then, I said one night that if he was just going to flitter his time away, then God would have to deal with him. BUT! That I thought HE was better than that.

12:31:10 [**Cindy**] Guess what happened?

12:31:16 [**sgaylep**] I have my kids do the reading, keep track themselves, and then earn the time to watch or have pc time.

12:31:17 [**Cindy**] Yep! The computer crashed...

12:31:21 [**Cindy**] Hehe!

12:31:34 [Cindy] He told me that he KNEW then that I had a pipeline to GOD! hehe!

12:31:46 [txmusicmom] LOL

12:31:48 [Cindy] Well, I just think that God has great plans for HIM!

12:32:10 [Lauralee] But I like my computer, I write, I research, I communicate. It's mine!!

12:32:11 **Julie enters this room**

12:32:13 [Cindy] Ok...Blessingsx4, your question is next...

12:32:28 [txmusicmom] Cindy-- my son reads extensively --but I still think computer has too much draw.....I agree-I would love my son to meet yours!!

12:32:34 [Cindy] The knife business was also a lot like the rest of this!

12:32:56 [txmusicmom] Ohh--so I need to be on my knees!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

12:33:05 [Cindy] God knew the things at each point in our journey that WE REALLY NEEDED to make homeschooling great!

12:33:15 [Cindy] It has been a big package!

12:33:41 [txmusicmom] Did you limit him on the computer-- or did his heart change? after the crash-- tee hee

12:33:47 [Lauralee] Oh, Ladies I have to go. We have a play date at the Lake.

12:33:57 **tospublish enters this room**

12:34:09 [Lauralee] It's been so wonderful, I'll look at the e-zine for what I missed!!

12:34:10 [Karen_AL] Hey Gena

12:34:10 [Cindy] Family life...a commitment to disciple our children...using the old, old methods (that REALLY work)...Internet, play, businesses, ministry, games, reading... A BIG PACKAGE...LOTS OF CHATS! 😊

12:35:07 [txmusicmom] He does everything we ask-- he is really a great kid (almost 16)

12:35:12 [sherig] Cindy, I hate to interrupt with a question here - My daughter is starting up a little business (hand-painted cards) and I wondered at what point do we need to make her little business "official" by maybe officially starting a sole proprietorship, paying taxes, etc.?

12:35:18 [Cindy] I really think that God wants for us to be sitting at His feet...learning of HIM...daring to do EXACTLY what He says...knowing that this is MUCH, MUCH bigger than merely another method of education.

12:35:36 [Cindy] Sure Sherig...I was FINISHED hehe!

12:35:43 [txmusicmom] ABSOLUTELY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

12:35:49 [Cindy] Hummm...how big is it? Do you have another business?

12:35:53 [txmusicmom] Thanks!

12:36:31 [txmusicmom] little ones needing me, MY computer time is up!!!! God bless! Hugs all around!

12:36:33 [Cindy] We put Matthew's under RFM at first--it was PART of what we were doing as a family to train up our children/show others how to educate.

12:36:35 [blessingx4] Thanks for the info., Cindy. This chat was just what I needed to nudge me back on track with some things. Enjoyed this and hope to participate in the future. Bye.

12:36:37 [sherig] No, we don't have another business. I am considering starting a little bookstore on my website. I am working on an e-book (my first) that I want to try to sell.

12:36:49 [Cindy] Of course, the stinker began making TONS of money the first month! hehe!

12:36:59 [Cindy] WOOHOOO blessing!

12:37:09 **txmusicmom exits from this room**

12:37:27 [**Cindy**] I would say that you are ok sherig until you can get it all set up. Of course, don't send the IRS to me! hehe!

12:38:12 [**Cindy**] I think that the children can make a good bit before they have to report on taxes...check with an accountant. UGH!

12:38:27 **dwyble enters this room**

12:38:36 [**Cindy**] Our accountants have been lifesavers! They MUST know we are crazy!

12:38:46 [**Cindy**] Any questions????

12:38:52 [**sherig**] I just wonder how you guys do it having to pay ALL the taxes (roughly 25%) - doesn't that just kill?

12:38:53 [**Julie**] Cindy, I have question

12:38:55 [**Shari**] Cindy, what is the addy of your son's web site? Thanks!

12:38:56 [**Karen_AL**] Cindy, have you heard of the Robinson Method.

12:39:14 [**Cindy**] Karen, just a nodding acquaintance. I am not that familiar

12:39:36 [**Shari**] I came in late, but is this all doable with a newbie and high school age students?

12:39:40 [**Cindy**] Hey Sally Dasto!

12:40:27 [**skdasto**] Hello Cindy...I am still here....reading away and soaking it all in!!!!

12:40:37 [**Cindy**] Shari, yes! I think that if you can scroll back up--later you can read the whole thing. We have two teens--18 (graduated June 4) and 15 (a sophomore)...

12:40:39 [**Karen_AL**] I am researching a little further, the copy work and focus on reading and writing is very similar

12:40:50 [**Cindy**] I saw you! AND GENA!

12:41:01 [**Karen_AL**] I am liking all of these ideas..it is just going to be hard to change

12:41:15 **carsun exits from this room**

12:41:17 [**Cindy**] Karen, they are key to the best approaches.

12:41:21 [**Julie**] How did you know that God was calling you to do your business? Do you every struggle with guilt over your dual roles?

12:41:45 [**Julie**] I'm asking because I find myself struggling with guilt if I do things I enjoy.

12:41:49 [**Cindy**] I have been trying to begin a REAL LIFE-CHANGING "diet" or ugh, if you don't like the word, then use LIFESTYLE of getting skinny! hehe!

12:42:17 [**Cindy**] One thing I have noticed is that there are KEYS that EVERYONE agrees upon--water...exercise...nutritious food...etc.

12:42:24 [**Cindy**] The same thing with education.

12:42:34 [**Cindy**] We ALL find a common ground on a few things.

12:42:54 [**Isam**] Share your diet secrets. My doctor just gave me what for and I need to do something. lol

12:43:04 [**Karen_AL**] I agree..I have been trying to buy healthier foods and change our way of eating as well

12:43:15 [**Cindy**] Reading great books together...writing...exposing our children to the best...etc.

12:43:16 [**Karen_AL**] we are soda junkies lol

12:43:49 [**motherofsi**] move more--eat less---the secret is revealed!!LOL

12:43:51 [**Karen_AL**] we threw out the "readers" a couple of years ago! I look back and just think how I couldn't have known better!

12:44:14 [**tospublish**] ok, really quick technical question here...sorry

12:44:16 [**Cindy**] The hardest part of choosing a method for YOU is wading through the ideas to find the APPLICATION that will work for you and your child. THAT IS HARD!

12:44:26 [Cindy] Diet...hehe!

12:44:34 [Karen_AL] We talk about what the kids read, i am not much on the lit. guides and Q&A

12:44:37 [sherig] Bye for now. Thanks Cindy for your thoughts on my daughter's business!

12:44:38 [Cindy] Well, I am HEARING GOD at this time! hehe!

12:44:40 **adegrasse enters this room**

12:44:41 [tospublish] i think i am doing something wrong...i can see all your chatting up above...but as you continue, i can't see it

12:44:51 [Cindy] I told him that I didn't know WHAT TO DO!

12:44:56 [tospublish] is it just me? lol

12:45:15 [Cindy] I hope not!

12:45:24 [Cindy] Can everyone see it?

12:45:27 [Karen_AL] are you scrolling up gena?

12:45:31 [Karen_AL] I can

12:45:50 [Julie] I can see it.

12:45:50 [Karen_AL] if you scroll up and then someone post then i brings the page back down

12:46:01 [Karen_AL] did that make sense???

12:46:02 [Karen_AL] L

12:46:10 [Cindy] I was getting more and more sick. Even battled extreme depression--and I DON'T HAVE TIME OR TOLERANCE FOR THAT! hehe!

12:46:13 [tospublish] it's working now

12:46:17 [tospublish] i'm just weird

12:46:27 [tospublish] ok continue..this is all very interesting. i love cindy!

12:46:27 [Cindy] Last fall I went to bed one night very, very sick.

12:46:34 [Karen_AL] then you are in the right place

12:46:35 [Cindy] I had horrible chest pains.

12:46:43 [Cindy] I begged God to just save my life.

12:47:08 [Cindy] Thinking back, it was one of those pivotal moments in my life. I truly believe that night HE saved my life!

12:47:25 [Karen_AL] wow

12:47:26 [Cindy] BUT...there was a condition...I had to begin to do what HE SAID each step of the way.

12:47:46 **sherig exits from this room**

12:47:46 [motherofsi] Did a wonderful, God blessed woman open her heart to you and set you on God's path for your children? Hi Cindy--this is Heather--yes, that Heather.

12:47:54 [Cindy] First thing...was to begin to cut back on my caffeine...and lattes! 😊

12:48:13 [motherofsi] Just wanted to thank you again for you help and Godly counsel.

12:48:25 [motherofsi] And the books came and they are fabulous!!!

12:48:30 [Cindy] I did...lost 20 lbs after I quit GRIPING about being sick...and not having energy! hehe!

12:48:43 [Cindy] Thanks motherofsi.

12:48:52 **Julie exits from this room**

12:48:57 [Cindy] Then, he moved on my heart to start walking.

12:49:00 [motherofsi] No--thank you!!

12:49:13 [**Karen_AL**] Cindy, what would you recommend for the newbies to get started on the copywork...is there anything we can read

12:49:17 [**Cindy**] The first time was a shocker as to my health. But, I kept on...

12:49:41 [**Karen_AL**] A couple of years ago. I did the walk to run program

12:49:59 [**Karen_AL**] you start out walking and slowly build up to running little by little

12:50:06 [**kerrihop**] karen - cindy's language arts the easy way is great for how to and gives good examples and stuff to actually copy

12:50:07 [**Cindy**] We have since implemented drinking lots of water (ONLY)...working out at Curves (I LOVE CURVES!)...and I am now about ready to hit the menu plans! 😊

12:50:21 [**motherofsi**] Isn't God wonderful. And he made our bodies to move and live and breath. So awesome are His works!

12:50:44 [**Karen_AL**] Thanks Kerri

12:51:06 [**Cindy**] I ran my first half mile just a few weeks back. I have a goal to run a marathon with my son--at least by the time he has STROLLERS I can push--won't that mess with the minds of those skinny bimbos that do not know how hard it is to be fat?! hehe! Ok...that was my flesh! 🤔

12:51:28 [**motherofsi**] you go girl!

12:51:47 [**Cindy**] Our bodies can heal themselves. I can't wait to see the testimony! AND...for now...I have a tan this year! AND...I went swimming for the first time in about 6 years the other day! 😊

12:51:55 [**Cindy**] Ok...back on topic! YOUR QUESTIONS!

12:52:09 **lonestar enters this room**

12:52:20 [**Karen_AL**] LOL

12:52:21 [**motherofsi**] So Cindy, you have taken it very slowly with getting healthy and that is what you have been trying to help us learn about learning.

12:52:22 [**lonestar**] hello

12:52:32 [**motherofsi**] Take it slow and do it God's way.

12:52:37 [**adegrasse**] sorry, I missed the part about the diet...can someone recap briefly?

12:52:58 [**lonestar**] this is so neat

12:53:07 [**motherofsi**] The world wants us to hurry up and stuff those precious minds with facts. But that is not God's way.

12:53:08 **KimberC enters this room**

12:53:15 [**Cindy**] One quickie for anyone who wants to begin to restore health...find the ONE thing that is the WORST for you...let it go! Then...the next worst thing...each thing should restore a bit more to your health and inspire you to let go of the next!

12:53:25 [**motherofsi**] His ways are perfect!

12:53:59 **CMbooklady enters this room**

12:54:01 [**Cindy**] WOW! Motherofsi...YES! You have that in a nutshell! Learning is just the same...having a business is just the same...having a ministry is just the same...

12:54:11 [**Cindy**] It all begins BIT-BY-BIT!

12:54:19 [**kerrihop**] good word...i certainly didn't get this way quickly, it'll probably be years before i'm healthy again

12:54:19 [**Cindy**] Nothing is done in a day!

12:54:21 [**Karen_AL**] yes, we have started drinking smoothies with fresh fruit

12:54:36 [**motherofsi**] So it comes down to Patience--and that is sometimes a hard lesson to learn.

12:54:41 [**Cindy**] The best things will take MUCH TIME and HARD, HARD WORK!

12:54:57 [**motherofsi**] You have taught me that--with God's help.

12:55:02 [**Cindy**] But, God promises that HE CARES and that HE WILL NOT EVER LEAVE YOU OR FORSAKE YOU!

12:55:09 [**Cindy**] Even with Algebra! hehe!

12:55:13 [**dwbyble**] Hi everyone! just wanted to add that I recently came upon a book that emphasized setting goals and mailing them to people you choose as "buddies".. that has done wonders for me!

12:55:27 [**kerrihop**] i've tried so many times to change one thing or another, but then it seems like takes over

12:55:37 [**Cindy**] Karen, my next thing is planning breakfast! I am taking ANY easy breakfast ideas that I can! HELP!

12:55:39 [**kerrihop**] and i am right back into the old habits

12:55:43 [**Cindy**] It has to be quick and easy!

12:55:48 [**Cindy**] BUT! Healthy!

12:55:53 [**Cindy**] 😊

12:55:57 [**kerrihop**] take out food, driving instead of walking, grabbing a soda to stay awake

12:56:07 [**kerrihop**] it is so disheartening

12:56:10 [**Karen_AL**] yogurt and granola

12:56:24 [**motherofsi**] Just start moving more every day. Don't change anything else. As you start feeling better, it will be easier to change other things.

12:56:25 [**Tami**] Cindy, thank you for teaching us so much this afternoon. My DH is home now, so I am going to log off.

12:56:26 [**Karen_AL**] fruit smoothies

12:56:33 [**Cindy**] Ok...gals...any help you need on ANYTHING?

12:56:37 [**dwbyble**] My "buddies" now have signed papers with my mini-goals and main goal ... so I am accountable to them in a BIG way.

12:57:18 [**Cindy**] I will open the floor for CHAT! Can you believe this has been TWO HOURS???? WOW!

12:57:20 [**CMbooklady**] Cindy, I wanted to ask how to find out about publishing a book.

12:57:36 [**CMbooklady**] How do you publish from home?

12:57:41 [**Cindy**] Are you wanting to publish yourself?

12:58:26 [**CMbooklady**] I do want to publish, but not sure how/where.

12:59:11 [**Cindy**] Your question is a HUGE question...hehe! Do you know about my writer's blog?

12:59:33 [**CMbooklady**] yes, that's how I ended up here.

12:59:34 [**Cindy**] It is at: <http://www.HomeschoolBlogger.com/AWritersNook>

12:59:50 **belindalet enters this room**

13:00:00 [**CMbooklady**] But, I haven't really had a chance to explore it fully yet.

13:00:03 [**Cindy**] I am taking the process of writing for a business/ministry a part bit-by-bit.

13:00:17 [**Cindy**] I could do more there to take you step by step.

13:00:26 [**Cindy**] Let me do a quickie here!

13:00:36 [**Cindy**] First, decide on YOUR topic!

13:00:40 [**CMbooklady**] Yeah!

13:00:50 [**Cindy**] What burns in your heart? What is it that ONLY YOU can do?

13:01:07 [**CMbooklady**] Got it--actually several topics! ;-)

13:01:09 [**Isam**] I need to go. Thanks Cindy and don't forget about a highschool chat soon.

13:01:12 [Cindy] Then, look to see where your readers are--your market...

13:01:30 [Cindy] Research how you can REACH THEM.

13:01:40 [CMbooklady] I know I'm working for the homeschool community.

13:01:45 **Isam exits from this room**

13:01:57 [Cindy] What is YOUR niche in the homeschool community?

13:02:20 [Cindy] I am going to ask you something tough--not to offend--but, if you were sitting before a publisher, this would be their question...

13:02:32 [CMbooklady] I teach on CM and LD Kids.

13:02:36 [Cindy] What do you HAVE that the others out there do not have?

13:02:46 [Cindy] COOL! Great niche!

13:02:53 [Cindy] Didn't scare ya huh?

13:03:03 [Cindy] You are good! You are READY!

13:03:07 **qfbrenda enters this room**

13:03:13 [Cindy] Next...write every day...

13:03:17 [Cindy] Do you have a blog?

13:03:20 [CMbooklady] 7 years experience teaching a LD child!

13:03:22 [Cindy] A website?

13:03:28 [Cindy] An ezine?

13:03:32 [skdasto] Thank you Cindy. Gotta run...leaving tomorrow until the 10th. Your the BEST!!!! Thanks for sharing today!

13:03:42 [Cindy] A blog ESPECIALLY will temper and develop your ideas.

13:03:59 [Cindy] OOOHHHHH! I LOVE YOU GIRL! Does Brian need any more help?

13:03:59 [CMbooklady] I'm starting to write some stuff for the AO web site.

13:04:23 [Cindy] I need to contact you two on the side---are you on the road? When will you be back home? Let's email!

13:04:42 [CMbooklady] I also "teach" on AOwithLDKids and do private consults.

13:04:46 [Cindy] Ok...Great way to begin Cmbooklady!

13:04:53 [skdasto] Did you get his last e-mail last night? We are home until tomorrow.

13:05:08 [Cindy] No...Sally. Hehe!

13:05:22 [Cindy] I have had a MONDAY of work today--this is my first time to sit down! 😊

13:05:30 [Cindy] I will email him/you! 😊

13:05:50 [Cindy] Email the best number to call. I will try to call and KEEP HAROLD and BRIAN APART! hehe!

13:06:06 [skdasto] Okay... I will have him e-mail you again in a few! I love you!!!

13:06:29 [Cindy] You TOO! YOU CUTE THANG!

13:06:50 [skdasto] Bye for now!

13:06:53 **skdasto exits from this room**

13:06:58 **lorilynn enters this room**

13:07:06 [Cindy] CMBookLady...Homeschoolblogger has FREE blogs that are easy to set up and a great way to minister to others AND develop your writing and message AND begin your mailing list! 😊

13:07:47 [CMbooklady] That sounds good.

13:08:04 [Cindy] I have never blogged, but I love mine! My <http://www.homeschoolblogger.com/AWritersNook> is much like one you would begin...it is in a new niche for me...but I am able to just WRITE. I love it!

13:08:57 [Cindy] My <http://www.homeschoolblogger.com/CindyRushton> is my regular blog. I love the atmosphere. I love the ability to write formally or just drop in a cute picture of the kids doing something fun!

13:09:08 **sgaylep exits from this room**

13:09:23 [CMbooklady] I love to write and "teach" others too!

13:10:10 [Cindy] One tip! Read my blog at <http://www.homeschoolblogger.com/AWritersNook> about the importance of setting up your website, blog, and even your articles with YOUR NAME. It is important if you want to jump into a crowded niche like homeschooling...and EVEN homeschooling Charlotte Mason Style.

13:10:27 [Cindy] Set yourself apart. Set yourself up so others can find you! 😊

13:10:34 [Cindy] You will do great!

13:10:52 [Cindy] I want to read your work--soooo, get it on a blog QUICK! hehe!

13:11:04 [Cindy] Isn't this TOOOOO fun?

13:11:15 [Cindy] Any more questions?

13:11:28 **catherine enters this room**

13:11:39 [CMbooklady] I am known on several loops as cmbooklady so would that work or should I use my name?

13:11:41 [hilly] I have a question about labpbooking

13:11:56 [Cindy] Use both! 😊

13:12:00 [Cindy] Yes, hilly!

13:12:09 [Karen_AL] what is lapbooking??

13:12:21 [Cindy] One last note to CMBookLady...

13:12:54 [hilly] how do you go about breaking down information into a set number of parts for a miniature book?

13:12:55 [Cindy] My post on Branding yourself or using YOUR NAME...will help you to think out what is best. DO BOTH...but, really begin NOW to work on your name! 😊

13:13:08 [Cindy] Of course, I am NOT the writing god! hehe!

13:13:16 [Cindy] He has LOTS OF NAMES! hehe!

13:13:28 [hilly] I never seem to be able to choose what book is needed?

13:13:42 [Cindy] Great question.

13:13:49 [Cindy] Are you talking about a book for instructions?

13:14:41 **KarenC enters this room**

13:14:49 [hilly] no, for information/data.

13:15:05 [Cindy] I recommend above all else Tammy DUBY's resources. Her DVD would be a super investment if you do not know at all where to begin. Check out her website at: <http://www.tobinslab.com>

13:15:18 [Cindy] She has a free handout from her workshop.

13:15:25 [Cindy] OK...for information....

13:15:38 [Cindy] I use TONS of resources.

13:15:49 [Cindy] What topic are you studying now?

13:16:05 [hilly] yes I've been thinking about her dvd!

13:16:55 [Cindy] Her DVD and her new book are great helps for knowing what to put into a lapbook.

13:16:55 [hilly] none atm, but I was thinking about Five In A Row book lessons

13:17:30 [Cindy] Five-in-a-Row books and information that you are studying would be PERFECT for use in little booklets for your lapbook!

13:17:55 [Cindy] I have seen some samples of some of the lapbooks that were created by FIAR moms. They are great!

13:18:01 [Cindy] BETTER THAN MINE! 😊

13:18:11 [Cindy] I am trying...I am trying!

13:18:16 [hilly] aren't you supposed to make the book as your lesson?

13:19:08 [hilly] With FIAR I find I don't know what the information is until after we have done the lesson

13:19:13 **Shari exits from this room**

13:19:15 [Cindy] One of my FAVORITE resources is the Lapbooking Yahoo Group. You can sign up at <http://www.yahogroups.com>. Just research for LAPBOOKING GROUP. It is the BIG one! ;) Their files are AMAZING!

13:19:41 [lorilynn] Hi Cindy, I'm Lori Lynn from Newport, PA and I have a question about lap book elements. We always end up with lots of lists and/or long items like timelines that we want to put into our lapbook and I have yet to find a good fold-it to use. Suggestions?

13:19:43 [Cindy] They have pictures of lapbooks on the largest variety of topics. I LOVE IT!

13:20:06 [hilly] but I've always been under the impression that I should know beforehand what book is needed

13:20:20 [Cindy] Plus...being on their group is really worth the email. You could ask for ideas on a specific FIAR study and be amazed at the ideas...and even pics online for that topic!

13:20:21 **catherine exits from this room**

13:20:47 [Cindy] Lorilynn...I do too! 😊

13:21:08 [Cindy] I have used the accordion fold for many of ours...I also like to use the layered books too.

13:21:35 [Karen_AL] I am sooooo lost LOL

13:21:45 [lorilynn] When you use the accordion fold, do you tie it at the sides or something to keep it from falling open when the lap book is opened?

13:22:29 [Cindy] OH! I forget to mention...I have a small E-book on Lapbooking that I really hope to have online in just a few weeks. If you are a subscriber, you will get it FREE in your E-zines from me. If you are not, you CAN get it free by subscribing to my E-zines at: <http://www.CindyRushton.com/Subscribe.html>

13:23:03 [hilly] I think my problem maybe that I don't pre-prepare all the lessons.

13:23:07 [Cindy] I also have a REALLY awesome Unit Study coming out (subscribers get the E-Book FREE TOO!) on Lewis and Clark--SOoooo awesome!

13:23:12 [lorilynn] I can't wait for that!! I LOVE the History Timeline book. Thank you SOOOOO much!

13:23:37 [hilly] So I don't know how many of X,y or z there are going to be.

13:23:57 [Cindy] Thank you! I am soooo glad Lori!

13:24:22 [Cindy] Hilly, I don't either...

13:24:26 [hilly] great Cindy looking forward to reading it!

13:24:57 [lorilynn] Does your "Let's Make Books" book have a lot about lap books and their elements?

13:25:05 [hilly] oh so you do it as you go along?

13:25:10 [Cindy] That kept me back from Lapbooking until Tammy Duby showed me that it COULD be "shooting from the hip" and be a great Lapbook! 😊

13:25:23 [KimberC] I have to leave... I do not to change subjects, but I hope you write more on "creating or finding a niche". I read your article on branding your own name. It was great.

13:25:38 [hilly] Oh that's it I need the DVD!!!

13:25:40 [KimberC] Thanks for today Cindy!

13:25:47 [Cindy] Homemade Books has a bit...not as much as I wanted due to the fact that the book was SOooo huge already.

13:26:20 [hilly] Will the DVD show me?

13:26:49 [Cindy] Yes, Hilly, I make the booklets along the way and keep them in a plastic baggie.

13:27:03 [Cindy] Yes. Tammy is WONDERFUL!

13:27:15 [Cindy] Tell her I said HI! 😊

13:27:51 [hilly] I think they are such a great resource but find the process so frustrating.

13:27:55 [Cindy] Karen, you mentioned that this was not making sense. Take a look at this page of my website: <http://www.cindyrushton.com/homemadebookspictures.html>

13:28:33 [Cindy] The BOOKS OF THE BIBLE Booklet is a LAYERED BOOK. FUN!

13:28:43 [hilly] Will the Ultimate Lapbook handbook help too?

13:28:53 [Karen_AL] so, what happens is that, the child reads or you read to them and then they make a book

13:29:02 [hilly] 66 layers?!!

13:29:11 [Cindy] I will have to work on adding some other samples! UGH!

13:29:12 [Karen_AL] how do you layer?

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13:29:40 [Cindy] No...I had the layers divided into each section of the Bible. We just listed the books of the Bible

13:30:20 [hilly] I like the sound of that.

13:31:08 [Karen_AL] the books can be anything, is that right?

13:31:21 [Cindy] Take several pieces of paper...(hope you are looking at the sample so this is not sooo abstract!)...layer them like my picture. Fold them back over so you have the same amount of space between the folded down part and the other layers...press down...staple at the top to hold. If this makes NO SENSE.

13:31:33 [Cindy] If this makes no sense...I need to come to YOU! hehe!

13:31:45 [Cindy] Yes, Karen. They can be any topic. Any bits of info!

13:31:59 [hilly] LOL

13:32:03 [Cindy] The fun part of Lapbooking is making neat "hideaways" for fun info!

13:32:04 [Karen_AL] you just use these to "supplement" (i know that is a bad word) for the other work

13:32:10 [Cindy] Yes!

13:32:24 [Karen_AL] I am getting it! lol

13:32:55 [Cindy] Just like some studies result in a great field trip...others in a hands-on experiment...some we wrap up with a lapbook! 😊 FUN Project!

13:33:00 [Cindy] Woohoo!

13:33:05 [hilly] Yes I once made one of those square flap things and hid barrels of salt in them.

13:33:27 [Cindy] Now...we notebook EVERY day...every study. Adding their daily copywork, pictures, maps, timelines, etc!

13:33:31 [Cindy] Make sense?

13:33:37 [Cindy] Perfect hilly!

13:33:41 [Karen_AL] so this is the wrap up section of the book or moth unit?

13:33:58 [Cindy] Yes! You have got it! 😊

13:34:09 [Karen_AL] what about notebooking? same concept just in a 3 ring binder

13:34:18 [Karen_AL] probably for older kids

13:34:19 [Cindy] Use the key things you want for them to take with them from the study.

13:34:40 [Cindy] Yes, Karen...AND 3-ring notebooks allow a lot more room to add TONS of research! 😊

13:34:58 [Karen_AL] 😊

13:35:05 [Karen_AL] I am doing the happy dance!

13:35:12 [Cindy] I didn't lapbook till last year...but, I have seen better lapbooks from 5 year olds than OURS! FOR REAL! hehe!

13:35:16 [Karen_AL] I am very excited about this

13:35:32 [Cindy] I will dance too! Let's do a happy dance for a second!

13:35:41 [Cindy] Woohoo!

13:35:50 [Cindy] My kids are looking funny at me!

13:36:06 [hilly] LOL

13:36:19 [Cindy] Well, you guys are absolutely SUPER! I am going to have to get going to CURVES!

13:36:31 [Cindy] Let's do it again? Wanta?

13:36:31 [Karen_AL] <<<<<dancing with Cindy

13:36:48 [Karen_AL] LOL

13:36:49 **CMbooklady exits from this room**

13:36:52 [Karen_AL] come on lets do it!

13:36:59 [hilly] thanks for a great chat Cindy

13:37:14 [Cindy] Just log into my blog <http://www.homeschoolblogger.com/CindyRushton> in a minute and let me know what you would like next time and how you liked this...any ideas for format...if I did ok? hehe!

13:37:17 [Karen_AL] thanks so much Cindy, you are a wealth of info

13:37:18 [Cindy] I LOVE YOU ALL!

13:37:39 [Karen_AL] I just feel the love

13:37:45 [Karen_AL] heheh

13:37:48 [Karen_AL] cya!

13:37:52 [Cindy] I will post real quick on the blog...and then, just give your feedback!

13:37:55 [Cindy] THANKS Karen!

13:37:56 [hilly] bless you

13:38:07 [hilly] bye

13:38:18 **petersoncl exits from this room**

13:38:20 **hilly exits from this room**

13:38:36 [jane] thanks cindy

13:38:57 [dwyble] thank for all the info

13:39:11 **belindalet exits from this room**

13:39:14 [lorilynn] Have a good workout. Thanks!

13:39:38 [Cindy] You are sooo welcome! THANKS for a FUN afternoon!