

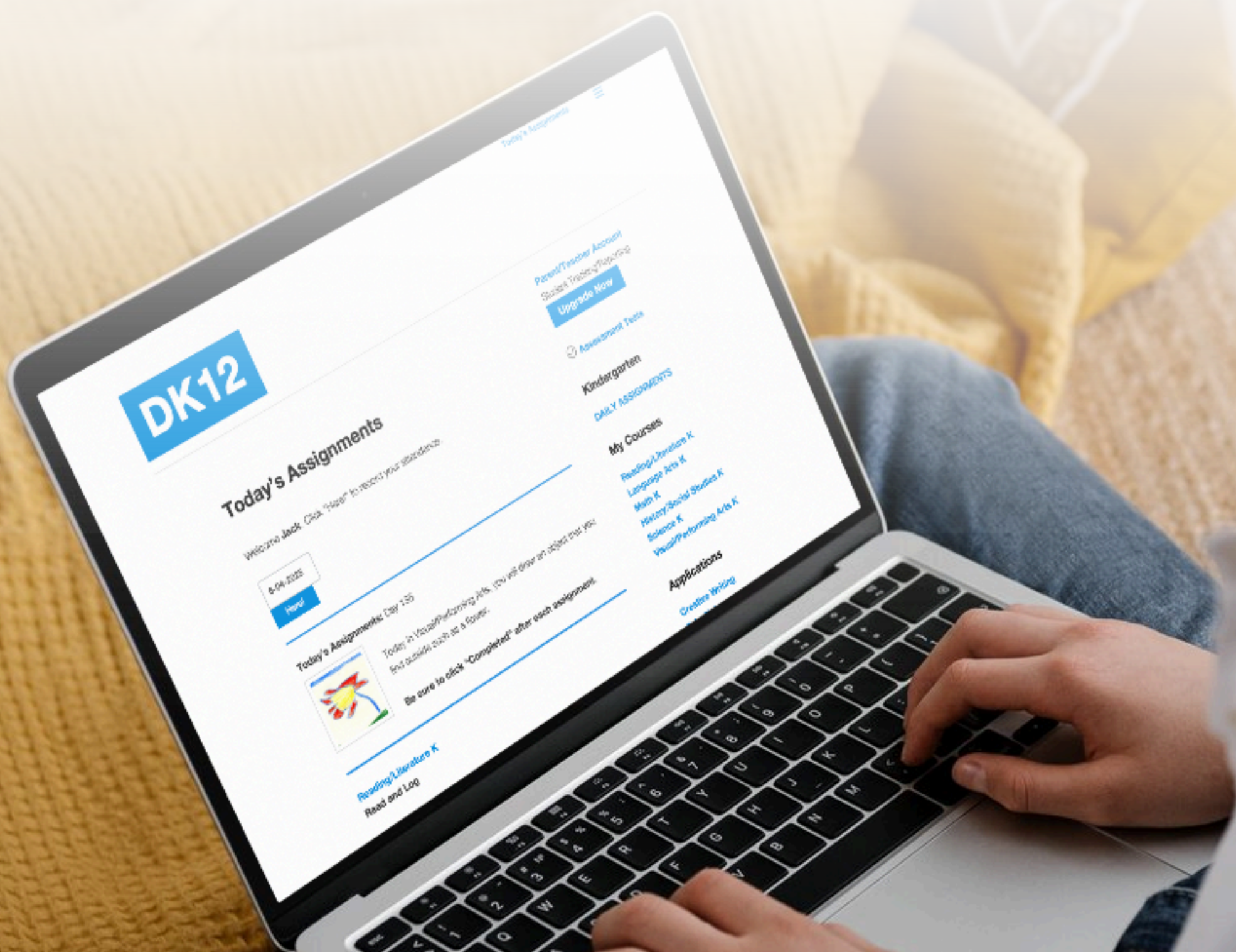
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How it Works

Homeschool

Guide

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Free Online Homeschool

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Our goal is to provide a positive learning experience where kids can acquire the skills they need to succeed throughout their life.


Chapter 1: How It Works

Homeschooling with Discovery K12

Discovery K12 makes it easy to begin homeschooling. Simply create a free student account to access an intuitive platform with daily assignments, over 20,000 lessons, multimedia content, assessments, and more than 1,000 quizzes and tests.

Science 12

Structure and Composition of the Atmosphere



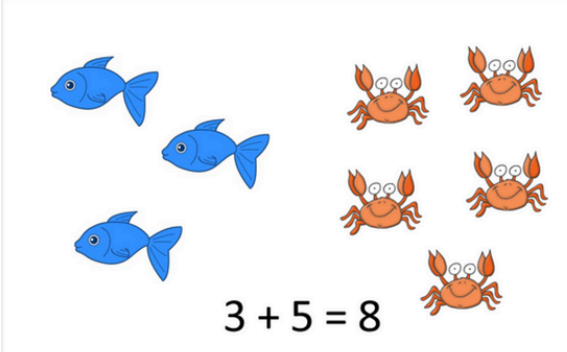
Take notes while reading about Atmospheric Pressure. Use the Research Center to learn more.

1. What is Atmospheric Pressure

2. Air Pressure and How It Affects the Weather

Math 1

Addition



Learn: Count the number of fish and crabs, then find out how many there are all together. For example, three fish and five crabs make eight all together. This is called addition. You write addition like this: 3 + 5 = 8.

Language Arts 12

Argumentative Essay

ARGUMENTATIVE ESSAY

Introduction

Body Paragraph 1

Body Paragraph 2

Body Paragraph 3

Conclusion

• Topic sentence, and factual summary

• State opinion

• Your most important claim to support the argument

• Include facts

• Your 2nd most important claim

• Include facts

• Your 3rd claim

• Include Facts

• Restate your points

• End with a persuasive sentence

Write: Use a word processor to craft your argumentative essay. Maintain a formal writing style.

Choose: Pick an event or theme from today's reading.

Families can design a learning routine tailored to their child’s needs and lifestyle, ensuring a flexible and personalized approach to education. Students have the freedom to explore subjects in-depth at their own pace.

For extra support, the Parent Teacher Account offers tracking, reporting, and tools to enhance your homeschooling experience. **Make the most out of your experience and discover how easy it is to homeschool with Discovery K12.**

Common Questions About Getting Started

What ages is DK12 suitable for?

DK12 supports Pre-K through 12th grade students.

Does the DK12 curriculum offer accreditation or align with homeschooling requirements?

While DK12 is not an accredited program, it meets national academic standards and supports compliance with most state homeschooling laws.

What technology do we need?

A device (laptop, phone, tablet, or desktop) and internet access.

Can I customize the lessons?

Yes! Parents can modify schedules, select electives, and add hands-on projects for a personalized experience.

What is the cost of using DK12 and are there any additional fees?

Student accounts are free. The optional Parent/Teacher Account, offering advanced tools like reports and answer keys, costs \$99/year.

How does DK12 track progress?

Tools like reading logs, attendance tracking, and grade books help parents monitor their child's progress.

Customizing Your Homeschooling Experience

Personalized Learning

Discovery K12 offers unmatched flexibility, allowing you to tailor a curriculum that fits your child's pace, interests, and strengths. Whether you prefer a structured day or a more relaxed approach, our platform supports your unique learning style.

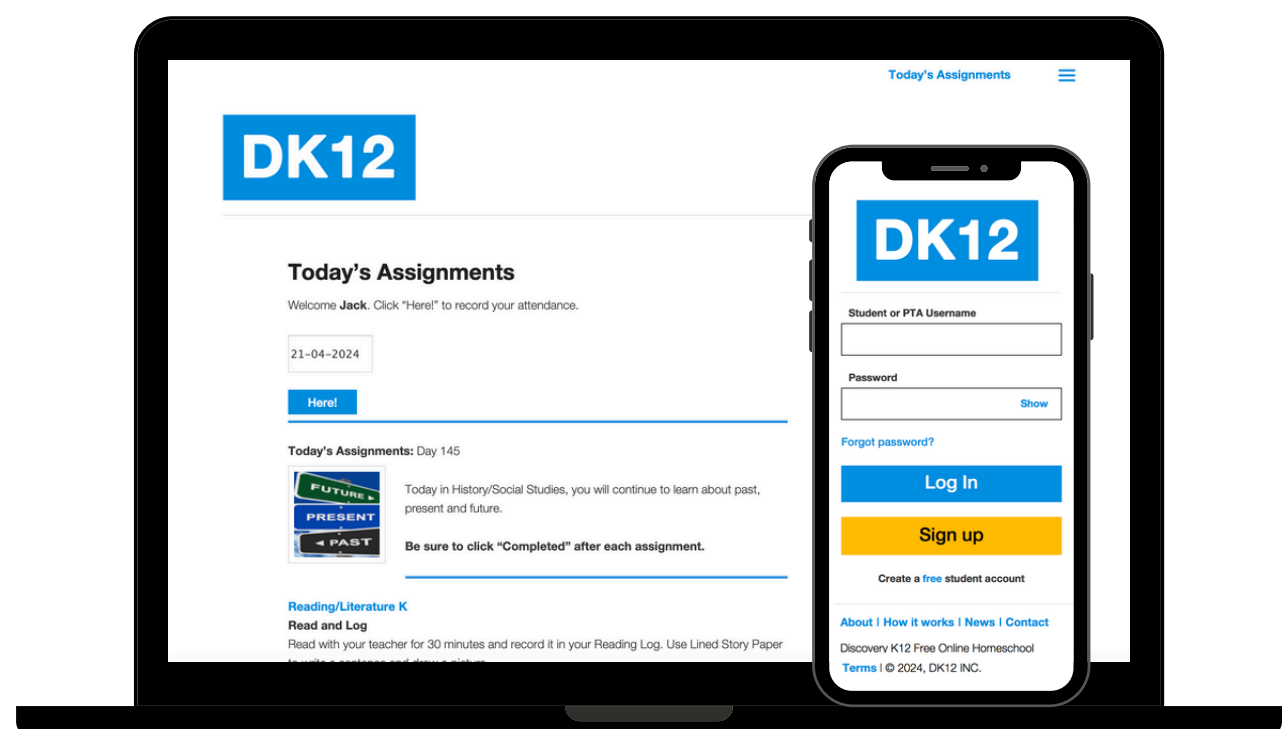
Comprehensive Resources

Access over 20,000 lessons, multimedia activities, and assessments designed to make learning engaging and effective. With detailed guides and tools, parents can confidently oversee their child's progress.

Simple Setup

Getting started is easy—just create a free student account, explore the curriculum, and begin your homeschooling journey. You'll have everything you need at your fingertips to provide an enriching education.

A Curriculum That Grows With Your Child



Chapter 2: Curriculum

Curriculum Overview

Discovery K12 covers a variety of subjects to ensure a well-rounded education for your child. From foundational skills to advanced topics, the curriculum is designed to meet the academic needs of students at various grade levels. You'll find engaging lessons, interactive exercises, and educational resources aligned with state standards, enabling you to deliver a tailored education to your child.

Pre-K	Kindergarten
First Grade	Second Grade
Third Grade	Fourth Grade
Fifth Grade	Sixth Grade
Seventh Grade	Eighth Grade
Ninth Grade	Tenth Grade
Eleventh Grade	Twelfth Grade
Extra	E-Book Library

* All our curriculum is online and can be reviewed inside student accounts.

Discover What Your Child Will Learn

A Closer Look at the DK12 Curriculum

The Discovery K12 curriculum creates a dynamic learning experience with interactive lessons, hands-on activities, and practical knowledge for every grade level. Each subject fosters curiosity and critical thinking, ensuring a well-rounded education. The curriculum includes 7 main courses and various extras:

Featured eBooks



The Rocket Book by Peter Newell

The upward progress of a rocket, lit in the basement by the janitor's son, causes some strange situations as it passes through 20 floors of apartments!



The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

A 10-year old orphan comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

Reading/Literature

Language Arts 12

Narrative Essay

NARRATIVE ESSAY

Introduction

Body Paragraph 1

Body Paragraph 2

Body Paragraph 3

Conclusion

• Topic sentence, introduce the narrator

• State opinion on the event

• Describe first event, include evidence, quotes examples

• Give your opinion

• Describe second event, include evidence, quotes, examples

• Give your opinion

• Describe third event, include evidence, quotes, examples

• Give your opinion

• Summarize your evidence and opinions

• End with a persuasive sentence supporting your opinion

Language Arts

Math 12

Functions

Function Notation

Function Notation, $f(x)$, said "f of x" stands for the function notation of an equation. For example, in the equation, $y = 2x - 2$ the function is:

$f(x) = 2x - 2$

The equation is now written in function notation as shown above.

To solve equations, you can plug in function notation.

Watch the video on the next slide.

Math

History/Social Studies 12

Supreme Court Interpretations of the Constitution



History/Social Studies

Science 12

Earth Sciences: Earths Place in the Universe



Science

Visual and Performing Arts 12

Art



How to draw Simple Scenery Art For Beginners

Watch on 

Visual/Performing Arts

Physical Education 12

Calisthenics

Do the following exercises and record them in your P.E. Log. First stretch. Then do a minimum of 20 jumping jacks, 5 lunges on each leg, 10 sit ups, and 10 push ups.

1. P.E. Log

2. Calisthenics

Completed

Physical Education

36 Weeks of STEM & Maker Activities

Discovery K12's weekly STEM & Maker Activities provide fun, engaging, learning experiences. Each week, students experience a new, hands-on STEM project using mostly affordable household and regular school supplies. The complete list of 36 Weeks of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) are below. These projects are free and included inside student accounts in grades K through 12th.

Week 1: Gumdrops Geodesic Dome

Week 2: Whirlybird

Week 3: Paper Tower Challenge

36 Weeks of STEM

Extra Curriculum

Below is a selection of extra curriculum courses to explore.

The Start-Up Course for Kids

Home Economics

Spanish 1

HTML Coding

Healthy Living

Personal Finance

Business 101

Business Apps

36 Weeks of STEM

Extra Curriculum

7 Main Courses Plus Extra Curriculum

The curriculum includes 7 main courses: Reading/Literature to develop comprehension, Language Arts to enhance writing and communication, Math to strengthen problem-solving, History/Social Studies to explore cultural and historical insights, Science with engaging experiments, Visual/Performing Arts to inspire creativity, and Physical Education to encourage healthy lifestyles. All of this is available for free with a Student Account.

Reading/Literature	Language Arts
Math	History/Social Studies
Science	Visual/Performing Arts
Physical Education	Spanish 1
HTML Coding	Healthy Living
Personal Finance	Business 101

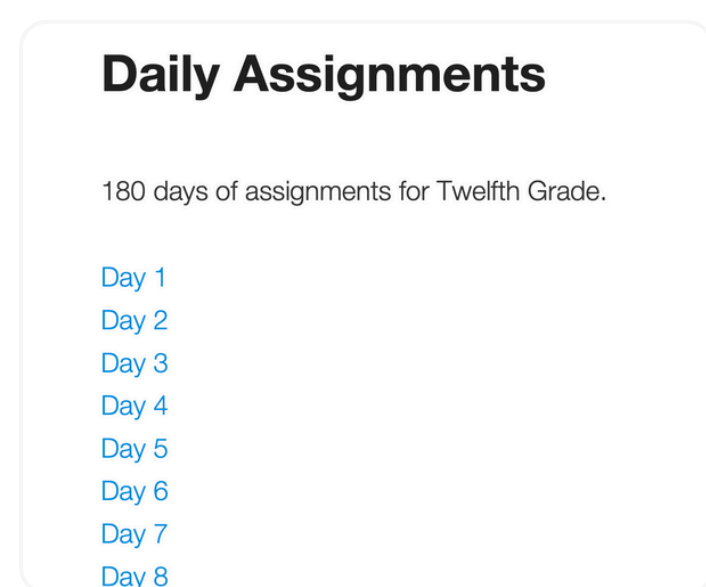
Assessment Tests

Our program now includes mid-year and end-of-year assessment tests for kindergarten through twelfth grade, which can also help determine grade level placement.

Chapter 3: Highlights

Discovery K12 Highlights

a) Flexibility: Create a learning schedule that fits your child's pace and interests. With Discovery K12's daily assignments, you can follow a ready-made schedule or adjust lessons to suit your routine. Whether you prefer structure or flexibility, the curriculum seamlessly adapts to your family's lifestyle for a personalized and stress-free experience.



Flexible Daily Assignments Designed to Fit Your Schedule and Learning Style.

b) Engaging Content: Immerse your child in lessons that spark curiosity and excitement. Interactive videos, worksheets, and our e-book library bring every subject to life. Discovery K12's resources help students retain knowledge, explore interests, and develop a lifelong love of learning.

c) Progress Tracking: Stay informed with tools that provide clear insights into your child's academic progress. From customizable reports to assessment tracking, these features celebrate achievements and focus on areas for growth.

d) Anytime, Anywhere Access: Access lessons and resources on any device with an internet connection, making learning flexible and convenient wherever you are.

Exploring Even More Features

e) Support and Community: Join a welcoming network of homeschooling families dedicated to sharing advice, celebrating achievements, and exchanging creative ideas. Whether you're looking for practical tips, encouragement, or a sense of connection, Discovery K12's community provides the support you need.

Through forums, virtual events, and collaborative opportunities, you'll find a vibrant space to connect, learn, and grow alongside other families on the same journey.

Be part of the conversation! Connect with supportive homeschool families, share ideas, and find inspiration in our vibrant Facebook community.

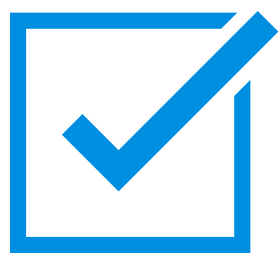


Learning in Action

Discovery K12's curriculum engages students through dynamic, hands-on lessons that build confidence and creativity. Math fosters problem-solving skills with visual techniques and real-world applications. Language Arts enhances grammar and vocabulary through grade-specific activities, while Writing develops critical thinking with structured essay assignments.

Harness Discovery K12 to create a rewarding homeschooling experience with engaging lessons, community support, and tailored resources for your family.

Chapter 4: Getting Started



1. Create a Free Student Account

Setting up your student account is quick and easy. Visit [Discoveryk12.com/registration](https://discoveryk12.com/registration) and follow the steps to sign up.



2. Use Your Parent Email for All Students

Use the same parent email address for all your students to link them to your Parent Teacher Account if you choose to upgrade. For assistance, email us—we're always here to help.



3. Each Student Needs Their Own Account

Each student needs their own individual account for grade-level and daily lessons to ensure a personalized curriculum.



Navigating the Dashboard

After setting up your student account, you'll have instant access to daily assignments. Familiarize yourself with the dashboard to manage your children's educational journey.



Familiarizing Yourself with the Curriculum

Discovery K12 offers subjects and lesson plans for every grade level. Browse the curriculum to familiarize yourself with the resources available, including instructional materials and interactive activities.

Use the suggested schedules as a guide, but feel free to adjust them to suit your child's unique pace and learning style.

Creating a Homeschool Space

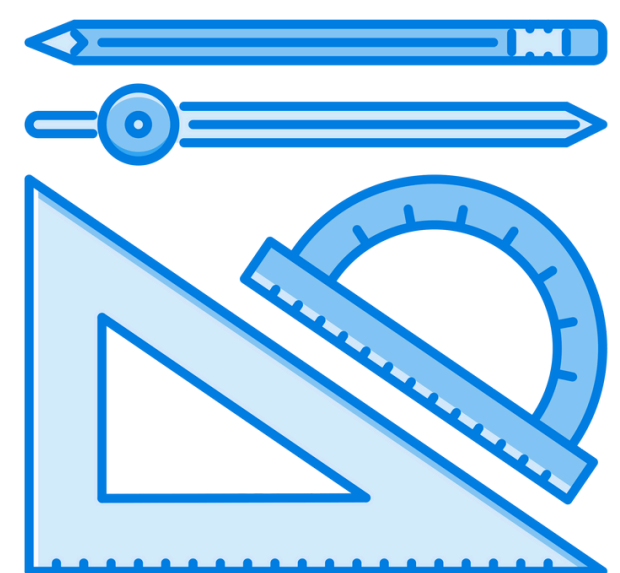
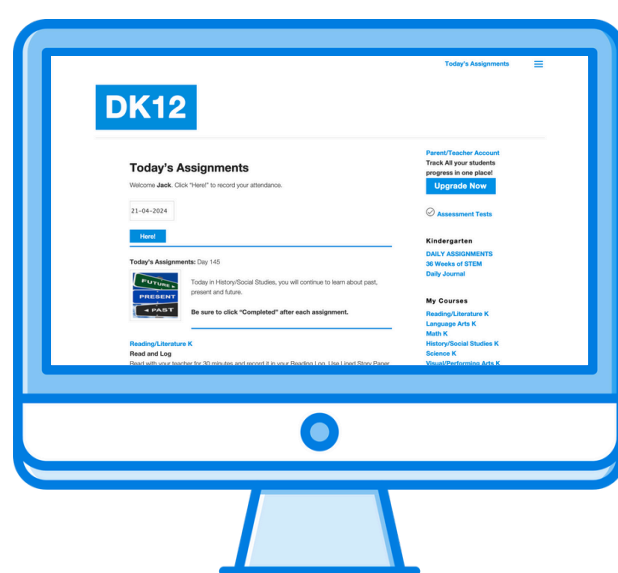
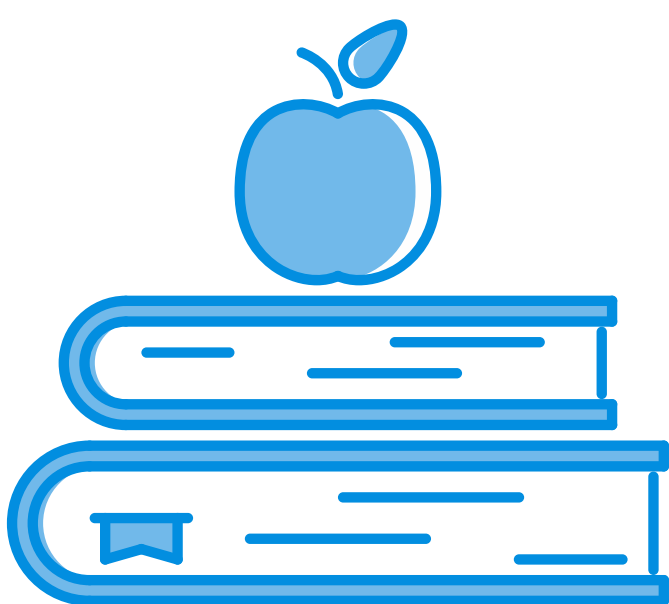
Designing a homeschool room is simple and rewarding. Start by choosing a quiet, well-lit area free from distractions. Add decorations that reflect your child's interests, like colorful posters, educational charts, and artwork, to make the space welcoming and inspiring.

Transform Any Space into a Fun and Productive Learning Environment.



Keep the space organized with shelves, bins, and containers for books and supplies, using labels and color coding for easy access. Choose ergonomic furniture like adjustable desks and chairs for comfort and proper posture. Arrange the setup to maximize natural light and accessibility.

Add tools like puzzles, art supplies, and interactive activities to make learning hands-on and engaging. With these steps, you can create a homeschool room that inspires kids to learn every day!

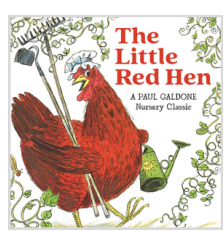


Your First Week with Discovery K12

Ease into Homeschooling with a Simple Start

Starting your homeschooling journey is exciting, and Discovery K12 makes it simple. Here's a look at a sample schedule to help you understand how lessons are structured and how to create a smooth daily routine for your child.

A Day of Learning at a Glance: 1st Grade



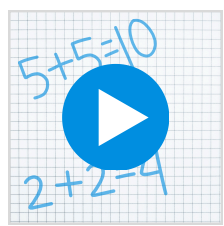
Today in **Reading/Literature**, you will be reading *The Little Red Hen*. Have fun exploring this classic story!

Reading/Literature



Share your thoughts on today's reading with Opinion Writing and build vocabulary skills in **Language Arts**.

Language Arts



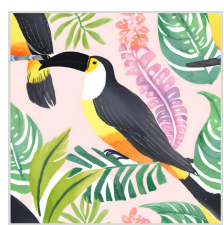
Learn how to add two-digit numbers in this interactive **Math** lesson! Watch the video solving problems using grid paper.

Math



Today in **History/Social Studies**, explore life in New York City in 1956. Watch the video to learn about this fascinating time!

History/Social Studies



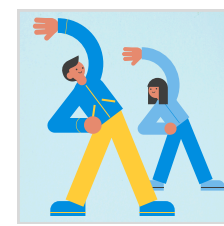
Today in **Science**, discover the habitat of the Toucan, a vibrant bird from the Neotropics!

Science



In **Visual/Performing Arts**, draw a Toucan or enjoy bringing it to life with the Toucan Coloring Page!

Visual/Performing Arts



In **Physical Education**, Stretch, complete 10 jumping jacks, 5 lunges per leg, 10 sit-ups, and 10 push-ups.

Physical Education



Create a String Telephone to explore how sound travels through vibrations in this fun and hands-on **STEM** activity!

Extra Curriculum

Getting Into the Homeschool Groove

Start the day with a morning routine to set the tone for learning. Adjust schedules to fit your family's needs, include breaks to keep your child focused, and involve them in organizing their space for a sense of ownership.

Chapter 5: Reporting and Tracking

Effective homeschooling requires tools to monitor progress, identify strengths, and address areas for improvement. Discovery K12 provides everything you need to stay organized and keep track of your child’s achievements, including:

Attendance Lists	Student Progress Reports
Grade Book	Certificates
Quiz and Test Results	Transcripts
Priority Support	Flexible Reporting

These features help you monitor performance, recognize achievements, and adjust the curriculum to meet your child’s needs, ensuring a personalized and well-rounded education.

How This Helps You & Next Steps

These tools provide valuable insights into your child’s progress, helping you adjust lesson plans and create a personalized learning experience. Unlock the full potential of these features by upgrading to the Parent/Teacher Account, giving you everything needed to guide your child to success.



Parent/Teacher Account

The only tool you need to homeschool

Attendance List

Student Name: **Jack William**

Attendance List No Duplicates

Add Attendance Entry

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Grades

DATE	DAY	DELETE
2022-09-07	1	X
2022-09-08	2	X
2022-09-09	3	X
2022-09-10	4	X
2022-09-11	5	X
2022-09-12		
2022-09-13		
2022-09-14		
2022-09-15		

Attendance List

Grade Book

Student Name: **Jack William**
School Year: **2022-2023**

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Archived Grades

[Jack William](#)
[Jesse Wells](#)

Reading/Literature

COMPLETED ASSIGNMENTS	QUIZZES and TESTS
11	N/A

Language Arts

COMPLETED ASSIGNMENTS	QUIZZES and TESTS
11	View

Math

COMPLETED ASSIGNMENTS

Grade Book

Grade Book: Quiz/Test Results

Student Name: **Jack William**
School Year: **2022-2023**

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Language Arts 7 Quiz Spelling No 3

QUESTION	CORRECT	INCORRECT
 0:00 / 0:01	1	0
 0:00 / 0:01	1	0
 0:00 / 0:01	1	0
 0:00 / 0:01	1	0
 0:00 / 0:01	1	0
 0:00 / 0:01	1	0
 0:00 / 0:01	1	0
 0:00 / 0:01	1	0
 0:00 / 0:01	1	0
 0:00 / 0:01	1	0

Quiz Results

Assessment Test Results

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Student Name: **Jack William**

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Archived Grades

NOTE: If your student has taken this test more than once, results will repeat on this page.

Assessment Test Math 7 1

QUESTION	CORRECT	INCORRECT
John has 3/4 of a quart of orange juice and needs to fill it equally in cups that hold 1/10 of a quart. How many cups can he fill?	1	0
If something cost \$125 and it is on sale for 40% off, what is the final sale price?	1	0
If		
w		
-4		
25		

Assessment Results

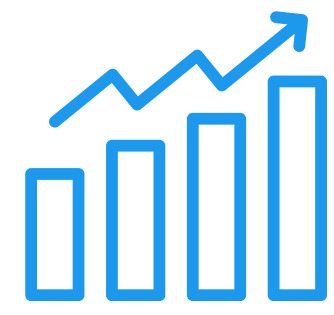
The **Parent/Teacher Account** gives you powerful tools to streamline homeschooling.

An optional upgrade to help parents and families. With this premium upgrade, you can easily monitor progress, stay organized, and access essential resources like answer keys, transcripts, and certificates— everything you need to support a successful homeschooling experience.



 **LEARN MORE**

Parent Teacher Account Tracking



Attendance Lists: Keep track of your child's daily attendance effortlessly.

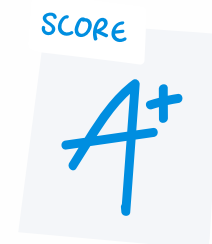


Assessment Tests: Utilize standardized assessments to evaluate overall progress.

Reading Log Report:

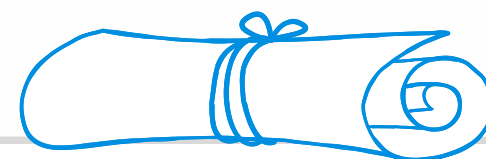
Track reading achievements and habits.

Quiz/Test Results: Gain insights into your child's performance on assessments.



Create Transcripts: Generate comprehensive transcripts for academic records.

Certificates of Completion: Celebrate milestones with customizable completion certificates.



High School Diplomas: Prepare for graduation with official diplomas.

Answer Keys for Quizzes/Tests: Access answer keys to aid in assessment review.

Review Digital Worksheets: Access and review completed digital worksheets.



Chapter 6: What People Say

Our kids love the daily assignments! It's like bringing the classroom home, but better." — Lisa H.

"Discovery K12 makes tracking my child's progress a breeze. We've never been more organized!" — Alex B.

"From daily lessons to tracking progress, this curriculum has it all. Our whole family feels more organized and confident." — Chris L.

"We love the flexibility! Discovery K12 makes it easy for us to learn on our own schedule." — Kelly S.

The lessons are so engaging, my kids actually look forward to 'school' each day!" — Jamie P

"Discovery K12 makes learning at home possible for us." — Dani T.

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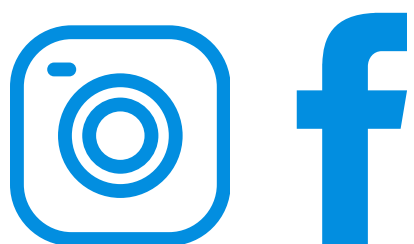
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Discovery K12 is your partner in
homeschooling. Together, we're
building a brighter future for learners
everywhere. Stay connected with us
and share your journey using **#DK12**.

Here's to a year full of growth,
creativity, and success.



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