

THE 2026 HOMESCHOOL

End-of-Year Reset

5 questions to finish your homeschool year with more joy than you have today.

Introduction

Hey, friend. This is your permission slip to stop *replanning* and start *recalibrating*. You don't need a new system. You need 10 minutes, your favorite drink, and a commitment to having an honest heart-to-heart with your school year.

These five questions are designed to help you protect what's working, let go of what's not, and make room for joy in the last stretch of your year. Write your answers, do the action steps, and watch what shifts.

before we start:

STEP 1: Grab your favorite drink.

Coffee, hot cocoa, matcha, your pick. What's important is that you have a little treat that brings you joy while we map out how to bring more joy in. Joy multiplies joy.

STEP 2: Set a timer for 10 minutes.

If you give yourself endless time, you will get so in the weeds and analytical that it sucks out the joy before you get to the end.

STEP 3: Answer each question honestly.

There are no wrong answers! This is YOUR homeschool. Everyone's looks different. But this only works if you don't hold back.

STEP 4: Do the action step before moving to the next question.

Each question comes with an action to take. Nothing changes if nothing changes, so pinky promise me you won't skip them.

STEP 5: Come back anytime you need a quick joy audit

We're specifically talking about the end of the year here, but reframe the questions if you need another audit mid-summer or at the start of the school year. You never have to wait to bring more joy in.

01 Start with what's already good.

What's the one part of your homeschool day you love most right now? The thing that reminds you why you chose this. It might be small — a morning routine, a subject you teach well together, the look on your kid's face during their favorite part of the day. Write it down.

ACTION

Put this on your calendar this week. In ink. This is your anchor. When the week gets noisy, come back to this. Protect it from everything else.

02 The honest look.

Write down every subject and task you're personally carrying in your homeschool week right now. Don't filter, don't organize, just get it all on paper. Then, circle the ones that are draining you more than they're benefiting your kids. Some of those circled items might surprise you. They're probably things you've been carrying out of habit, not because they actually need to be yours.

ACTION

Pick ONE circled item. Right now, text someone "I think I need to hand this off." (Your husband, mom, best friend). You don't have to have the solution yet; asking for support is the first step.

03 Let something go.

Look at your list from prompt 2. What's one thing you could completely let go of until the end of the year and feel lighter, not behind? Maybe it's a subject that's been limping along or a routine that stopped working months ago. Maybe it's something you added because a friend was doing it, but it never fit your family.

What I'm letting go of:

Why I've been holding onto it:

ACTION

Cross it off next week's plan. Not "maybe." Not "I'll think about it." Gone. You can add it back next fall if you miss it... but you probably won't.

04 Picture the finish line.

How do you want the last day of your school year to feel? Don't think about what you need to cover or finish. Just the feeling. Peaceful? Proud? Present? Lighter than today? Pick the word that makes your shoulders relax a little.

My word:

Where I'm going to put it:

ACTION

Write that word on a sticky note and put it somewhere you'll see it EVERY DAY. The fridge, your planner, your bathroom mirror. Every decision between now and then gets filtered through that word.

05 Invite joy back in.

The end of the year gets busy, and it's easy to cut the "extras" first. But usually the extras are the reason you started homeschooling — the read-alouds, the nature walks, the slow afternoons, the games around the table. What's one thing you could invite back into your week that's purely for joy and connection? Not academic. Not productive. Just something that fills your cup as a family.

What I'm inviting in:

When it's happening this week:

ACTION

Put it on the calendar for this week. In pen! It seems counterintuitive when life is busy, but that's when it's the most important. You'll be so glad you protected it when joy exists in the middle of the chaos.

Q: What do I do with my answers?

You just built a plan for the rest of your year. Here's what you're working with:

- **Your answer to #1** is your anchor. Build your week around it.
- **Your answer to #2** showed you where your energy is going. Your circles are your clue to how your energy comes back.
- **Your answer to #3** is the thing you're setting down. Let it stay down.
- **Your answer to #4** is your filter for every decision between now and summer.
- **Your answer to #5** is your reminder that joy isn't an extra. It's the whole point.

ACTION

Come back to this when the week feels heavy. Your answers don't change just because the day was hard. Chances are, something is challenging the commitments you made here. Don't leave the path.

If one of your circled items from prompt 2 was a subject you've been carrying alone, we'd love to help you find a teacher who loves that subject as much as your kids deserve.

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Your school year deserves to finish with peace & joy, not leave you tired from pushing through.

Ready to start? Your 10 minutes start...now!

