Your Al Assistant Awaits: Revolutionizing Homeschool Planning (Presentation PDF Here)

A Presentation for Homeschool Parents

Welcome!

Whether you're completely new to AI or already using it in your daily life, this workshop will show you how AI can transform your homeschool planning experience. No technical experience required – just bring your enthusiasm for making homeschool planning easier and more effective!

Today's Agenda

- About Me & Al Journey My story and why Al changed everything for our homeschool
- Al Resources Sharing the various ways Al can support us as homeschool families
- Show & Tell Examples of Al-created pacing guides and what's possible
- Step-by-Step Guide Walking through the process from materials to finished plan
- Tips & Tricks Getting better results and avoiding common pitfalls
- Resources & Next Steps Tools, community, and continuing your Al journey

Helpful Resources for Families

Getting Started with AI

- Select your preferred Al platform
 - claude.ai is my favorite because it responds well to education/homeschool tasks
- Have a plan in mind: You are in charge not the AI (see prompts below for guidance)
- Start small, get a feel for it: Give the platform one step at time; you can even ask it to give you a prompt (or set of directions) to give to itself if you are not sure where to begin.
- Check it once, twice, THREE times! All can, and does, make mistakes. Be sure to ask it to check for accuracy before moving on or finalizing.

Essential Planning Tools

- PCA Academic Calendar
- Standards (English | Math)
- Grade level I Can Statements (reach out to your HST)
- Student Gradebook (reach out to your HST)
- Optional as an example for the AI: Sample Planning Guide (Week)

Example Prompts to Try at Home

Quick Start: Weekly Pacing Guide

Copy and paste this prompt, then add your materials:

"I need help creating a weekly homeschool plan for my [GRADE] grader. I want to organize [NUMBER] weeks of curriculum.

My materials include: [LIST YOUR WORKBOOKS, PAGE NUMBERS, AND ANY DIGITAL PROGRAMS]

Please create a simple weekly schedule that shows:

- What pages to cover each week
- Which subjects to focus on each day
- Time needed for each activity

Keep it simple and easy to follow. I'm new to planning this way."

What to gather before using this prompt:

- Photos of workbook covers and table of contents pages
- List of page numbers you want to cover (or total pages available)
- Any digital programs or apps you use (IXL, Khan Academy, etc.)
- Your state's grade-level standards (if different from Common Core)
- Your school calendar or learning period dates

Daily Breakdown Helper

When you need more detailed daily plans:

"Take my weekly plan and break it down into daily lessons for [SUBJECT].

My child learns best when: [MENTION LEARNING STYLE, ATTENTION SPAN, ETC.] We have about [TIME] minutes each day for this subject. Our goal is to finish [SPECIFIC PAGES OR UNITS] by [DATE].

Please show me exactly what to do each day, including any breaks or review time."

What to gather before using this prompt:

- Completed weekly plan from the first prompt
- Notes about your child's attention span and best learning times
- Realistic daily time availability for the subject

- Any special accommodations or learning preferences
- Specific completion deadlines or goals

Catch-Up Plan Creator

For when you fall behind or need to adjust:

"We're behind on our homeschool plan. We need to catch up on [SUBJECT] and still finish by [DATE].

What we've completed: [LIST WHAT'S DONE] What we still need to cover: [LIST REMAINING WORK] How much time we can spend: [DAILY/WEEKLY TIME AVAILABLE]

Please create a realistic catch-up plan that won't overwhelm us."

What to gather before using this prompt:

- Honest assessment of what's actually been completed
- List of remaining lessons, pages, or units to cover
- Available time slots in your current schedule
- Any upcoming breaks or busy periods to work around
- Realistic completion deadline (don't be overly ambitious)

Multi-Subject Organizer

For planning across all subjects:

"Help me balance multiple subjects for my [GRADE] grader.

Our subjects and materials: [LIST EACH SUBJECT WITH WORKBOOK/PROGRAM] Our schedule: [MENTION DAYS/HOURS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL] Special needs: [LEARNING DIFFERENCES, FAMILY SCHEDULE, ETC.]

Create a weekly schedule that fits everything without being too rushed."

What to gather before using this prompt:

- Complete inventory of all curriculum materials for each subject
- Your family's weekly schedule including work, activities, and commitments
- Information about any learning differences or special accommodations
- Realistic assessment of total school hours available per week
- Priority ranking of subjects (which are most/least flexible)

Custom Prompt Creator Request:

Hi Claude! I need help creating a custom prompt for my homeschool planning. Here's my situation:

What I want to accomplish: [Describe your specific goal - daily schedules, unit studies, assessment plans, etc.]

My family details:

Grade level(s): [List all children you're planning for]

- Subjects I need help with: [Math, science, reading, etc.]
- Special considerations: [Learning differences, time constraints, teaching style, etc.]

My curriculum materials: [List workbooks, programs, or approaches you use]

How I want the final plan formatted: [Table, daily checklist, weekly overview, etc.]

My experience with Al: [Complete beginner, some experience, comfortable with technology]

Please create a detailed prompt I can copy and paste to get exactly what I need. Make sure it's written at a level I can understand and includes guidance on what information to gather before using it.

Also, let me know what materials or information I should have ready before using the prompt you create for me.

Tips for Success

- Remember: Al is your assistant, not your replacement. You're still the expert on your children and your family's needs.
- Start small: Try creating a plan for just one subject or one week before tackling your entire year.
- Be patient: Like any new tool, Al planning gets easier with practice.
- **Stay flexible:** Your Al-generated plan is a starting point adjust it as you learn what works best for your family.

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Thank you for joining us today! Here's to a more organized, less stressful homeschool year ahead.