Coffee and Chat Information Sheet November: Budget Friendly Educational Resources

Free or low cost full curriculum

- o IXL
- Provided to Thrive students yearly to have full access to the site
- Offers lessons for K-12
- Easy Peasy All In One Homeschool
 - Offers preschool through high school free full curriculum.
 - All supplies are basic school supplies
 - Will note in advance what extra supplies are needed for activies or experiments.
 - Has MYEP to log in for easily keeping track of where student is in the curriculum. up to 4 students
 - Can purchase workbooks for offline course work or printable pages to help save on printing
 if following the curriculum online
 - High school site is different site, but still free to use as much or as little as you want.
 - Is faith based but can easily be adapted for a secular experience
 - Websites it takes you to are free to use with no subscription or membership, but can purchase membership for further practice on that subject
 - Can easily be used as a full curriculum or as a supplemental and use only what you need
- Core Knowledge
 - free K-8 curriculum that can be downloaded as a PDF, but can purchase student workbooks for less printing.
 - Has the main core curriculum offering, with some music and art.
- Ambleside.com
 - Charlotte Masson philosophies and methods
 - Covers all subjects except for math
 - MEP math is a free math program
 - https://www.cimt.org.uk/projects/mepres/primary/index.htm

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- Khan Academy
 - offers Math, Language Arts, Reading, Science, History, Life skills, Test prep
 - Offers some AP courses

Resources by subject

- o Freedomhomeschooling.com
 - Offers a list of free curriculum options, some options are listed by subject others are full curriculum options
 - Gives brief description of what each curriculum is with a clickable link

Websites for worksheets or bundles (free or low cost)

- Education.com preK-8
 - Has worksheets, games, lessons, activities, Ect.
 - Multiple subjects
 - Can create an account to save assignments
 - There is a premium membership that is affordable, but also offers some part of the website for free
- Teachers pay Teachers
 - Has a search engine built into the website that allows you to filter by subject, cost, grade
 - A variety of resources
 - Many of the resources are free or low cost
- Superstarworksheets.com
 - Main focus: Pre-K and Kindergarten but does have upper elementary
 - Free worksheets and low cost bundles
- Miniature Masterminds
 - Focus is prek-2nd grade
 - Has a years worth of math and language arts worksheets
 - Has themed worksheets for math and language arts

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Homeschool Den

- Offers History, Science, Language Art, Spanish and German
- Low cost
- Gives cost supply list and link on where to order supplies for activities and experiments
- has free seasonal printables and worksheets

Supplies and materials

- Check out thrift stores and used book stores for books, workbooks, some basic supplies may be found that are used
- Look at facebook market and/or thefacebook groups for items that are being given away or for sale
- Take advantage of clearance and back to school deals
- Some of your stipend may cover certain materials, such as lab kits, art supplies, crafting paper, crafting markers, crafting glue, school glue,
- Check out the dollar store and compare shop to what retailers price is for similar items
- o Buy in bulk when you can and you won't have to buy every year on your basic supplies.

Printing

- To save on printing look into insta ink subscription from HP. you pick a monthly plan that fits your printing needs. It sends you ink before you need to replace the cartridge. Need to have an HP printer in order to use this service
- Look at the library and see what can be printed for free and how much per page
- o Invest in a laser printer if you will be printing lots

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- You can check out topic specific bags that may contain books, activities, resources
- Check Educational Resource Center (ERC) at <u>East Library</u> provides hands-on materials for families wanting to enrich their children's education or help them improve their skills. Math, science, social studies, and language arts kits, as well as art and music resources and computer software are available for families with students of all ages to use.
- Cultural pass offers free admission to a number of museums throughout Colorado Springs, and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. **be sure you look at what you are offered with the pass you may have to purchase additional tickets