

Ultimate Homeschool Checklist

We've created a checklist with some things for you to watch for during your homeschool year. When you experience one of these moments, check it off and record the date!

Photos to Take

- Box Day! Don't forget to take photos! **#sonlightboxday**
- You take first day of school photos and live through the first day.
- You take a photo of your children with their favorite book.
- You get your school space set up—whether it's a shelf or a room. Show us!
- You take your last day of school photo. Congratulations!

Encouragement!

- First week of the Instructor's Guide (IG) completed!
You are doing it!
- You start school again after Christmas break. It might feel a little odd to resume, but you're doing it!
- Celebrate 100 days in the IG!
- The first of March comes. You've made it through the Winter Blues! Spring is coming!
- Your child understands something that was previously challenging. Great job!

Progress

- You finish the first quarter (9 weeks) of the school year.
- You finish the second quarter (18 weeks) of your school year.
- You finish the third quarter (27 weeks) of the school year.
- You finish your school year! Congratulations!

Extra Credit

- BONUS:** Your children ask for Sonlight on an unusual day (i.e., summer vacation, weekend, holiday).
- BONUS:** You find a child looking at, or rereading, a book for a second or third time.
- BONUS:** You get out all the books your children read this year and stack them up. What an accomplishment for you all! **#sonlightstack**
- BONUS:** You find children of different ages playing together in a way they wouldn't if they were in school.

While you Learn

- A book makes you and your children laugh out loud.
- A child voluntarily picks up a book to read on his or her own, or unexpectedly reads ahead.
- You dealt with a melt-down, but ended the day on a positive note, even though it was hard.
- Your children plead, "Keep reading!" during a Read-Aloud.
- Someone asks for forgiveness. Welcome to the family boot camp of grace. Your children are learning what they need to know for life.
- Your children recreate, or use toys to act out, something from a book you've read.
- You have a conversation about something that came up in a Sonlight book.
- A book causes such a beautiful ache, it brings someone to tears.
- A child unexpectedly mentions something you read about weeks or months ago. Your home is filled with learning!
- You go on a field trip without having to corral 25 other children.
- A beautiful day in spring beckons, and you cancel school and go outside because you're a homeschooler and you can.

Share your **#sonlightstories**



We love to hear your stories, so don't forget to share these moments with us using hashtag **#sonlightstories**