

Homeschooling With Index Cards:

A Quick Guide to Incorporating Index Cards Into Your Homeschool



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As homeschooling parents, we spend a lot of money on things that we hope will work for educating our children. One thing that has always remained a constant staple in our education adventures is a steady flow of index cards. We have used index cards for just about everything from chore cards to English usage rules.

The great thing about index cards is they are very budget friendly. You can buy 100 cards for under a \$1. They come lined and unlined. I will also mention ways to use colored index cards to add a little flair to your studies.

Storage and Supplies

In each section, I will mention specific ways you can store your cards. A basic list of things that you will need to complete the cards mentioned in this guide are:

- white index cards—lined and unlined
 - colored index cards
 - “O” rings
- file boxes—different sizes based on personal preference and need
 - 2 ring index card binders
 - A-Z tabbed index card dividers
 - blank tabbed index card dividers
 - hole punch, you can hole punch the cards that are not made for the binders

Now that we have discussed the basics, let's get on to some specific ways you can use index cards in your homeschooling.

You can also become a member to www.flashcardexchange.com and for online help creating your cards. See site for details. No affiliation.

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Each subject has information and concepts that can be stored and easily reviewed on index cards. Each subject will also have terms that need to be learned by the child. You can easily use index cards to make definition cards for each subject.

BIBLE

Index cards are very useful when you are memorizing Bible verses. It is very handy to write your verse on a card, along with the reference, so you can review it over and over. You can also place the reference on the opposite side of the card for a Bible verse “challenge”.

www.simplycharlottemason.com has a Bible memory system that utilizes index cards.

You can also use the cards to learn the books of the Bible. Depending on what your goals are here, this can be very general or very detailed. You can simply write the title of each book on one side of the card. If you would like, you can also place detailed information on the other side of the card. You can write the “who, what, when, where, and why” of the books. Who it is to and who it is from, what it is about, when it was written, where it was written (if an epistle, where it was sent), and the why it was written. Each book will have different information, so all categories may not be used or available. If you would like to differentiate Testaments, you have a few options. You can use white cards and use 2 different colored markers, one for Old Testament books and one for New. You can also use 2 different colored index cards.