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# The Homeroom Guide

Homeschool tracking for the whole family. This guide covers everything from first setup to weekly reports, starting with the five-minute version.

The one rule that runs everything:

**Green means done. Always.** A lesson is green only when a student (or you) checks it off. Anything not green past its day turns red. Colors are automatic; nobody can repaint them by hand.

Not started ● In progress ✓ Completed △ Missed → Forwarded

# Quick start

From nothing to a working homeschool in about five minutes.

## 1. 1

### Create your family

Open Homeroom, choose Create family, and pick a family name, email, and password. That password is the parent key: it protects settings, editing, and overrides, so don't share it with the kids.

## 2. 2

### Add your students

Settings → Students → Add student. Give each one a name, an avatar, and (optionally) a 4-digit PIN. Skip the PIN for young kids so they can tap straight in; add PINs if siblings share a device and like to meddle.

## 3. 3

### Create subjects

Settings → Subjects. Tap a preset chip (Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, History...) or type your own. Pick a color and the days of the week the subject happens, and turn on grading if you want it (letters, percent, or pass/fail). Keep core subject colors the same for every student; the calendar becomes readable at a glance.

## 4. 4

### Fill in lessons

The fastest path for a full curriculum: Add → Generator. Tell it "Lesson {n}", how many, and a start date, and it lays out the whole numbered sequence across that subject's school days. Have a spreadsheet from your curriculum provider? Add → Import and paste it straight in. One-offs go in Quick add.

## 5. 5

### Hand the device over

Tap Hand off to student and pass the tablet. Your student sees only their day: they tap a lesson, read the instructions, open any links, and hit the big green Mark Complete. You see it turn green instantly on your side.

## 6. 6

### End the week with a report

Reports shows every student side by side: lessons done out of planned, percentages, grades. Export CSV for your records or print it. A frozen snapshot also saves itself every Monday morning.

# The daily flow

Two views, one truth: parents plan, students check off.

## Parent mode

**Today** is your home base: one card per student with a progress ring and the day's lessons. Tap any lesson to read it, change its status, add notes, edit, or delete. Parents can override anything, including un-completing a lesson a student checked by mistake.

## Student mode

- **Hand off to student** switches the device into kid mode. A student with a PIN enters it on a big friendly keypad; one without taps straight in.
- Opening a lesson marks it In progress automatically, so you can see who has started.
- **Mark Complete** turns the lesson green, adds a ✓ to its title, and quietly records the completion time. If the subject is graded, a small prompt asks how it went (skippable).
- Mis-taps happen: students get a 15-minute window to undo their own check-off. After that, only a parent can change it.
- Students cannot edit lessons, change dates, recolor anything, or reach settings. Getting back to parent mode requires the family password.

Any lesson still not green at 5 PM on its scheduled day turns red and counts as missed. You can move that cutoff hour in Settings.

## Adding lessons

Four ways in, from one-at-a-time to a whole year at once.

Method	Where	Best for
Quick add	Add → Quick add	A single lesson with full detail: instructions, links, time, duration.
Generator	Add → Generator	Numbered sequences ("Lesson 1...120") spread across the subject's days automatically.
Import	Add → Import	Paste from Excel, Google Sheets, or any CSV. Columns: Lesson Name, Description, Resource URL. You get a preview before anything is created.
Rapid add	Any subject's lane view	Typing a term's worth of titles fast: each Enter adds the next numbered lesson on the next open day and keeps your cursor in the box.

Every lesson can carry instructions, unlimited resource links (textbook pages, websites, videos), a lesson number, an estimated duration, and either a start time or all-day placement. Lessons always land on their subject's configured weekdays, skipping breaks and holidays.

## Forwarding lessons

Sick week? Field trip overload? Move everything in one click without breaking the sequence.

- **Forward All** lives on every subject page, and a recovery banner appears on Today whenever missed lessons pile up.
- Two modes: push everything **by N school days**, or pick a **resume date** (the default when recovering missed work is to resume today).
- Forwarding moves every incomplete lesson in the subject, including upcoming ones, so the sequence keeps its exact order with no gaps and no doubled-up days. Completed lessons never move.
- Weekends, breaks, holidays, and each subject's own weekly rhythm are respected automatically.
- You always see a preview first: how many lessons, per subject, and each subject's new finish date. Nothing changes until you confirm.
- If a subject can't fit before your school year ends, Homeroom says so and leaves it put rather than scheduling past the end. Extend the year end in Settings and forward again.
- Forwarded lessons show blue until they're completed, so you can spot rescheduled work.

## Calendar and subjects

Color is the language: one glance tells you the day.

**Calendar** shows the family week: every student, every day, each lesson as a colored pill. Filter to one student, hop between weeks, tap any pill to open it. **Subjects** lists each student's subjects with progress bars, missed counts, and finish dates; tap one for its full lane: every lesson in order with a rapid-add box at the bottom.

MathematicsLanguage ArtsScienceHistoryForeign LanguageArt

The suggested core palette. Ten colors are available; green is reserved for completed work, always.

## Reports, attendance, transcript

Your records, computed continuously and frozen weekly.

- **Weekly report:** all students side by side, one row per subject, ✓/total and percent complete, then a full per-student breakdown with dates, grades, estimated vs. actual minutes, and notes. Browse any week, past or current.
- **Snapshots:** every Monday morning Homeroom freezes the prior week's report permanently, so your records can't drift if lessons are edited later. Save snapshot does the same on demand.
- **Export CSV** downloads the whole report in a file that opens directly in Google Sheets or Excel.
- **Attendance:** a day counts as attended when at least one lesson was completed that day. Planned vs. attended is tracked per student over any date range, ready for state paperwork.
- **Transcript:** year-to-date per student: lessons completed, grade averages, hours, and a weighted GPA, with a print layout suitable for official records.

# Printing

Six clean, black-and-white friendly layouts. No app chrome.

Print type	What you get
Daily schedule	One student's day as a checklist with instructions and links.
Weekly schedule	The week grid per student with completion checkboxes.
Weekly report	The full report: summary table plus per-student detail.
Subject lesson list	A subject's entire sequence: number, title, date, status, grade, notes.
Progress report	Report-card style: completion percent, grades, and hours per subject.
Transcript	GPA-style annual summary with a signature line.

Every print view has a Print button; choose “Save as PDF” in the print dialog to get a file instead of paper.

## School year settings

Set the calendar once; everything else respects it.

- **Year start and end:** lesson scheduling and forwarding never plan past the year end.
- **School days:** which weekdays your family does school. Subjects can narrow this further (Science on Mon/Wed/Fri, History on Tue/Thu).
- **Breaks and holidays:** add a name and a date range. Nothing schedules on those days and forwarding hops over them.
- **Terms:** semesters or quarters, used to group the transcript.
- **Missed cutoff:** the hour when today's unfinished lessons turn red (5 PM by default).
- **Timezone:** set once; “today” and the cutoff follow it everywhere.

## Google Calendar sync

Optional. If your family already lives in Google Calendar, Homeroom meets you there.

- Connect the parent Google account in Settings, then map each student to an existing calendar or create “[Name]’s Homeschool” with one click.
- Every lesson mirrors as an event: subject color, instructions and links in the description, green ✓ when completed, red △ when missed, blue when forwarded.
- Sync is one-way, Homeroom → Google, on purpose: Homeroom stays the source of truth and nobody can fake a completion by editing an event. Updates push moments after each change, with a nightly pass for lessons that became overdue by the clock.
- To give a student their own view, share their calendar with their Google account using Google Calendar's normal sharing settings.
- Disconnecting leaves your events in place; Homeroom simply stops updating them.

# Install it like an app

Homeroom is a progressive web app: no app store needed.

Device	How
iPhone / iPad	Open Homeroom in Safari → Share button → Add to Home Screen. It launches full-screen with its own icon.
Android	Open in Chrome → menu (:) → Add to home screen (or “Install app”).
Mac / Windows	In Chrome or Edge, click the install icon at the right end of the address bar.

Installed or not, it's the same app and the same data: sign in from any device, anywhere.

## Questions and tips

My student checked something off by accident.

They can undo it themselves within 15 minutes (open the lesson, tap undo). After that, open the lesson in parent mode and set the status back.

Can both parents use it?

Yes: the family account is shared, so sign in with the same email and password on each device. Both get full parent control.

A sibling keeps checking off the other's lessons.

Give each student a PIN in Settings → Students. Switching to a student then always requires their PIN.

We do school on Saturdays.

Settings → School year → toggle Saturday on. Individual subjects can also include any weekday in their own schedule.

What happens at the end of a break?

If lessons went unfinished before the break, the Today banner offers to forward them. Choose a resume date and the whole sequence picks up there in order.

What counts as a school day for attendance?

Any day the student completed at least one lesson, counted by the day they actually finished it. Days with lessons scheduled count as planned days.

Is my family's data shared with anyone?

No. Data lives in one private database, every request requires your sign-in, and there are no trackers or analytics. Google sees lesson events only if you connect Google Calendar sync.

Can I get my data out?

Yes: CSV export covers any week's full detail, and every report and list has a print/PDF layout.

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