



Homestead Learning

Providing educational enrichment tailored for children ages 4 to 12

"The primary goal of real education is not to deliver facts but to guide students to the truths that will allow them to take responsibility for their lives."

~ John Taylor Gatto

Introductory Packet

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Welcome

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Welcome to Homestead Learning! We appreciate the opportunity to share our heart and vision with you! Perhaps you have inquired about your child's learning opportunities or you are just simply curious about Homestead Learning. Regardless, we are happy to share our micro-homeschool with you!

Homestead Learning, LLC, established in 2024 by Alison Brady and Jenna Walker, blossomed from a shared desire to help children develop a lifelong love of learning. We believe that children thrive through trust and the space to "Let Grow." At Homestead Learning, our approach to education promotes autonomy, resilience, and critical thinking through self directed education, practical life skills and collaborative learning experiences with children of all ages. We believe that a well educated person is one who chases their curiosity with passion and enthusiasm. Encouraging this experience is a central goal that we pursue at Homestead Learning.

Homestead Learning is a homeschool microschool. This means that all of our students are declared homeschoolers by the state of Wyoming but they have designated this program to provide some or all of the instruction. A microschool is a small-scale, independent educational setting that typically serves a limited number of students across different grade levels. Homestead Learning serves 15 students daily in both full time and part time capacities.

A typical day at The Homestead looks and feels much more like a homeschool than your typical neighborhood public school. We join together every morning for reading or socratic discussion and then spread out into groups or individually to work on core academics. We value a long, flexible lunch break where the children can cook their meals, play outside or take a rest when needed. The afternoons are dedicated to projects and skill building until it's time to clean up and head home.

If you envision an *immersive, engaging and personalized* educational experience for your child, we hope you'll apply to join our family at The Homestead.

Alison & Jenna

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About the Founders

Hi! I'm Alison Brady. You might know me from the medical world here in Gillette. I am a Physician Assistant, currently working part time at my virtual telemedicine practice, Thrive Medical. In 2011, I received my Master of Health Sciences degree from the Duke University School of Medicine and then moved back to Wyoming to marry a Gillette native and start my career.



In 2018, my life changed when I gave birth to my first daughter, Juliana. As you can probably relate, my entire world view shifted. Suddenly, her growth and development was my most important job. I developed a passion for early childhood education and for providing opportunities to help her grow to her full potential. I read about Montessori and Charlotte Mason and homeschooling and unschooling and I knew that one day, we would be on an unconventional educational path. An individualized path that prioritizes my children's strengths and weaknesses to prepare them for the unrecognizable world to come. And here we are.

I'm so excited to offer another educational path for this community and to build relationships with all of the families who join our program.

But mostly, I can't wait to watch my children thrive alongside yours.



My name is Jenna Walker. I trace my roots back to Jay Em, WY, and am a proud graduate of NCHS in Lusk, WY. After high school, I pursued my Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training at UNLV. After college I dedicated myself, for 14 years, to serving secondary schools in Campbell and Converse County, where I provided care for athletes' injuries and placed a strong emphasis on injury prevention. Additionally, for nine of those years, I had the privilege of teaching Sports Medicine classes to grades 9-12. This role presented a wonderful challenge and offered valuable insights into the educational setting. I was tasked with designing a curriculum for these classes, which underscored the importance of a versatile learning approach. My teaching method focused on developing note-taking skills, engaging in hands-on projects, and mastering practical skills such as ankle taping, spine boarding, and blood pressure measurement. During my tenure at Douglas High School, I was honored to receive the CCSD#1 Teacher Spotlight Recognition Award, a testament to my dedication and contributions to education.

My husband, Jason, and I have firmly rooted ourselves in Campbell County since 2007, and have enjoyed living in Gillette. In September of 2020, we welcomed our miracle baby, Sayge, into the world. With Sayge in our lives, our priorities have shifted, and our focus is now on ensuring that he receives the love, care, and guidance needed to navigate life's journey with confidence and resilience. Our home beliefs model more of a homeschool approach through hands-on learning, exploration, curiosity, and play, and this is where the idea of starting Homestead Learning truly ignited.

We're excited to embark on this journey of fostering Sayge's growth and curiosity, while also extending our passion for holistic education to other families in our community.



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About the Staff

School Guide - Misty Lubkeman



My name is Misty and I am a dedicated and compassionate person bringing many years of experience working with children. I am well known for my patience, kindness, and uplifting spirit. I love creating a positive environment for everyone! I earned my bachelor's degree from Tarleton State University in Texas and greatly enjoyed my time there.

I received honor roll as well as multiple scholarships throughout my years in college. I come all the way from Upstate NY and enjoyed getting to experience living in Texas and now Wyoming. I love doing outdoor activities such as horseback riding, hiking, swimming and camping.

Aide - Lacey Prather



A Gillette native, Lacey Prather is deeply rooted in and committed to serving her community. She has spent her entire adult life working in service to others, including coaching boys basketball for four years. This was not only a game but guiding, teaching, and shaping young lives, which has always been a true passion of hers.

Lacey dedicated nearly 17 years to law enforcement, with almost five of those years spent working with at-risk youth on the juvenile side of the detention center, a role she found incredibly rewarding. After becoming a mother, she felt a strong pull to realign her priorities, realizing she wanted to spend more time with her own children.

Now an entrepreneur who designs her schedule intentionally, Lacey experienced a true God moment when the opportunity at Homestead opened. Being able to serve a school she is deeply passionate about while staying present with her children is a blessing she is profoundly grateful for.



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About Homeschooling In Wyoming

Homestead Learning is dedicated to reviving traditional educational values in a contemporary context, reminiscent of the one-room schoolhouses of yesteryears. Emphasizing multi-age learning and collaborative environments, the school aims to deepen children's understanding of academic subjects while simultaneously equipping them with invaluable life skills essential for real-world success.

Alison and Jenna take pride in offering a homeschool-like environment to the community; a sanctuary where families can cultivate their children's growth at their own pace. Through Homestead Learning, they aspire to give back to the community by providing a nurturing educational setting that celebrates the uniqueness and potential of every child.

Wyoming state statute 21-4-101(a)(v): *“A home-based educational program means a program of educational instruction provided to a child by the child's parent or legal guardian or by a person designated by the parent or legal guardian. A home-based educational program must meet the requirements of a Basic Academic Educational Program, which is defined in State Statute 21-4-101(a)(vi) as a program providing a sequentially progressive curriculum of fundamental instruction in seven subjects: reading, writing, mathematics, civics, history, literature, and science.”*

State of Wyoming Compulsory Age Requirements: Ages 7 - 16

Wyo. Stat. § 21-4-101(a)(v) defines homeschooling in Wyoming and does not set minimum instructional hours or days. Families may structure learning schedules in a way that best meets their children's needs.

Wyo. Stat. § 21-4-101(a)(v) does not require homeschool families to notify or register with the state or school district. Families transitioning from public school are encouraged to formally withdraw their child to prevent enrollment or truancy issues.

Homestead Learning Will Work With You! We offer a learning environment that will work with each family to fulfill the state and school district requirements. While we understand that we will not complete all hours within the school session; we will provide each family with a log to track hours of learning at home. Learning at home can be fun and engaging and can be incorporated into activities of daily living!

Ages For Homestead Learning: Currently we are accepting children between the ages of 4 and 12. We hope to expand in the future and will eventually offer through age 18. Children who are accepted into the Homestead Learning community will be guided through all of the state home-based educational requirements. For the ages of 4 - 6, we will place more emphasis on learning through play and building a strong foundation of phonemic awareness to help them flourish into strong readers. They will be immersed in thematic units that connect all of the traditional school subjects in meaningful ways. Children ages 7 - 12 will be guided through curriculums to learn math, social studies, language arts, and science; but the emphasis will be project-based learning in a multi-age environment. The younger children, when ready, will advance to learn with the “older kids.”



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Fostering Lifelong Learners

Vision Statement

The vision of Homestead Learning is to instill a profound love of learning within every student.

Mission Statement

Embracing Wyoming's rich heritage, our modern day one-room schoolhouse fosters curiosity, collaboration, and multi-age learning. Through individualized problem based learning and Socratic discussions, we prioritize life skills alongside academic excellence, offering a homeschool-like approach for a well rounded education.

Belief Statements

We believe in instilling a genuine love for learning, cultivating curiosity, passion, and a thirst for knowledge that extends far beyond the confines of traditional education.

We believe in challenging the status quo of standardized testing, focusing instead on holistic growth and individualized learning experiences that honor each student's unique talents and interests.

We believe in empowering students to take ownership of their education in an environment where students develop comfort with taking risks, exploring new ideas and embracing failure as a natural part of the learning process.

We believe in the inherent strength of multi-age learning environments, where students of different ages collaborate, learn from one another, and develop empathy and leadership skills.

We believe in the importance of academic excellence as well as the cultivation of practical life skills, ensuring our students are prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the real world.

We believe in the power of Socratic discussions to deepen understanding, encourage reflection, and promote independent thinking, empowering students to become lifelong learners and active contributors to society.



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Core Values

1 Love for Learning

Serving as the foundational philosophy of Homestead Learning, we believe that education is not just about acquiring knowledge but fostering a deep and enduring passion for discovery, exploration, and growth. We strive to empower individuals to be curious, creative, and deeply engaged citizens of the world.

2 Let Grow

To provide an environment that encourages exploration, fosters adaptability, sparks creativity, instills self-discipline, and empowers students to take ownership of their learning journey.

3 Trust

A learning environment built on trust fosters intellectual curiosity, nurtures personal growth, and prepares students to thrive in an ever-changing world.

4 Critical Thinking

Equipping students with the cognitive flexibility, analytical skills, and creative mindset needed to thrive in an increasingly complex and dynamic world.

5 Life Skills

Engaging students in authentic tasks that require them to apply knowledge, think critically about implications, and develop innovative solutions to real-world problems.

6 Promotion of Core Values

We uphold timeless principles such as integrity, respect, responsibility, and resilience by embedding these values into our traditions and rituals.

7 Collaboration

Fosters both social and cognitive development, equipping students with essential social skills while encouraging higher-order thinking through exposure to diverse perspectives and collaborative problem-solving.



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Schedule

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Morning Readiness

Arrival 8:30 - 9:00

Outdoor Playclub

~and/or~

Indoor Innovation Hub

- ★ Collaboration
- ★ Building
- ★ Creating
- ★ Drawing
- ★ Writing
- ★ Designing
- ★ Reading

Daybreak Dialogue

9:00-9:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Positive Affirmation

“Morning Board” (Date, Weather, etc)

Socratic Discussion (short, open-ended questions tied to the current BookBridge unit)

Book Read-Aloud (currents unit book from the BookBridge Curriculum)

Morning Academic Session

9:30-11:30

BookBridge Learning Stations

- ★ Reading/Literacy
- ★ Math (Singapore & Weekly Challenge)
- ★ Project/Life Skills

Lunchtime Adventures

11:30 - 1:30

Children are free to eat their lunch, partake in “indoor innovation hub” and/or “outdoor playclub”.

If a student would like to continue with the Morning Academic Session OR jump right into Afternoon Discovery Session, they are more than welcome too!

Afternoon Discovery Session

1:30 - 3:00

DEAR Time

Goal Work

Learning Block (science, history/civics, life skills, entrepreneurship, etc)

Afternoon Wrap-Up

3:00 - 3:30

Helping Hands/Contributions (Together we will clean up our school's space to prepare it for tomorrow's activities.)

Snack Time Reading Ritual (Enjoy a snack while reading together or silently.)

Winning Moments Exchange (Sharing with classmates the success in the day.)



2026 - 2027 Calendar of Events

****subject to change but will inform all accepted families in a timely fashion****

School Kick-Off Barbeque: September 3rd

- ★ Students and their family - Please join us, starting at 5:00 PM to see your classroom, friends, and teachers!
- ★ Pot Luck Dinner will begin around 6:00 PM. Please bring a dish to share with all of the families.

2026	2027
September 8: First Day of School!	January 1 - 3: Winter Break
November 19: Friendsgiving: Potluck Dinner, School Play, & Fundraiser	January 4: School Resumes
November 26: No School - Thanksgiving Break	March 22 - 26: Spring Break
December 14 - 31: Winter Break	May 27: Last Day of School. <i>Have a great summer! See you back on September 7th.</i>



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Tuition

100% Family Funded Philosophy

Historically, and continuing into the future, Homestead Learning operates independently—not relying on state or federal education dollars, or any church-affiliated subsidies. This distinction allows us to stay true to our mission and prioritize the needs of each child and family above all else.

We are intentionally different!

Because our pricing for self-pay families is 100% family funded, we retain full control over our teaching methods, curriculum, and day-to-day learning rhythms. This means we are free to cultivate a program rooted in real-life skills, curiosity, nature-based experiences, and meaningful relationships—without the constraints or mandates that may come with government funding.

We also welcome donations to our nonprofit arm, “IntentionED,” which help expand our resources and provide scholarships for families in need. We are committed to never accepting donations that include restrictions or conditions that would compromise our curriculum, methods, or educational vision.

- 4 day school week: \$5,400 (\$600 per month)
- 3 day school week: \$4,500 (\$500 per month)
- 2 day school week: \$3,600 (\$400 per month)
- 1 day school week: \$2,700 (\$300 per month) ***Ages 4-18 welcome***

*** Wyoming Education Savings Voucher Pricing is Different Than Listed Above. Contact School Leaders For Pricing ***

First month tuition, curriculum & supply fee due within 5 days of acceptance

\$100 Registration Fee due at time of enrollment - Currently Waived

Payment options include an annual upfront payment, per-semester payments due on the 1st, or monthly installments. If students are absent or out for vacation, payments are expected. Registration, curriculum, and first month fee are non-refundable.

Forms of Acceptable Payment: Cash or Check OR pay online with added processing fees

Steamboat Scholarship Legacy - ESA/Voucher Program

Homestead Learning was approved as a vendor for the Steamboat Scholarship Legacy Act in August of 2025. Due to ongoing legal review and uncertainty regarding funding for the 2026–2027 school year, Homestead Learning is currently operating as a family-funded (self-pay) microschool. Should the program become available and stable, we will re-evaluate participation to ensure alignment with our mission and educational model.



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4-Year-Old Enrollment

We love welcoming our youngest learners into the Homestead community. Because four-year-olds have unique needs and thrive best in a setting that truly supports them, we offer only two (2) spots **per day** for this age group. This helps us maintain the right balance in the classroom and ensure each child receives the attention and support they deserve.

To help us make sure Homestead is the right fit for your child and family, we follow a simple application process:

How to Apply (4 year olds)

- Step 1: Application Fee
 - A \$25 non-refundable application fee is required to begin the process.
- Step 2: Interest Form
 - Complete the interest form so we can learn a bit more about your child and your family's hopes for their learning experience.
- Step 3: Meet & Greet
 - Once we have both items, we'll schedule a warm and relaxed meet-and-greet with the family. This helps everyone get a feel for whether Homestead is the right fit.

What Happens Next

After the meet-and-greet, our Homestead team takes time to thoughtfully discuss each family to ensure we can support your child well.

- If it feels like a great fit, we'll place your child on the calendar based on your preferred days—depending on availability. We always do our best to accommodate requests.
- If we feel we may not be the right fit at this time, we will send you a kind and honest email explaining our decision.

Priority for Current Families

Families who already have a child enrolled at Homestead Learning receive first priority and a waived application fee when applying for a 4-year-old spot.



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Curriculum & Supplies

Curriculum

Homestead Learning uses a flexible, responsive curriculum designed to meet the academic and developmental needs of the children we serve. We develop our own in-house curriculum using our BookBridge framework—which turns each book into a pathway for discovery by blending academics with reading, projects, and real-world skills for all ages—along with Singapore Math, a mastery-based approach focused on conceptual understanding and problem-solving. Additional supporting curriculum may be incorporated as needed.

Homestead Learning reserves the right to adjust or change curriculum throughout the school year to best meet the needs of the children. Families may suggest or supplement curriculum with prior approval to ensure alignment with our educational philosophy.

School Supplies Included and Provided by Homestead Learning

We will have a wide variety of supplies available to the students which include, but is not limited to, crayons, markers, pencils, notebook paper, colored pencils, binders, notebooks, folders, glue, scissors, and construction paper. There will be 1 to 2 computers available for students to use. Children are welcome to bring additional supplies as needed.

Field Trips

Library, gardens, nurseries, farms, ranches, museums, and parks. All full time and part time students are welcome on Field Trip Days. If a child does not normally attend Homestead Learning on the chosen field trip day, the parent will be responsible for transportation. Some trips may be an additional cost.

Snacks

On occasion, Homestead Learning will provide one snack each day. Students may bring additional snacks to eat throughout the day.

Family Responsibilities

Families will be responsible for providing a backpack, water bottle, lunch, electronic device, headphones and any other items the student may need to be successful at Homestead Learning.



Curriculum & Supply Fee



Enrollment Option	Curriculum Fee	Supply Fee
1 day / week	\$200 per family + \$50 each additional child	\$200
2 day / week	\$200 per family + \$50 each additional child	\$200
3 day / week	\$200 per family + \$50 each additional child	\$300
4 day / week	\$200 per family + \$50 each additional child	\$300



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Enrollment Process

If you are interested in having your child join us at Homestead Learning, please move forward with the steps listed below. If you have more than one child applying, please complete a separate application for each child.

1. Read the Introductory Packet in full.
2. Complete the Interest Form at www.homesteadlearning.org
3. Homestead Learning will contact you via email or phone to schedule a short call to discuss your interest in the program. We will then schedule a meet & greet between the child, the parents and Homestead staff.
4. After the meet & greet if your family and Homestead staff agree to move forward with enrollment of your child(ren) an email will be sent detailed information about how to officially enroll.
5. A curriculum fee, supply fee and first month tuition is required via cash, check, or credit (*with added credit card fees*) upon acceptance as well as the signed contract papers.



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Educational Journey Conclusion

In conclusion, we hope this packet has ignited your passion for education and its boundless possibilities. From the classroom to the boardroom, education serves as the cornerstone of progress and prosperity. Education is not just a process; it's a lifelong journey of discovery and growth. This packet has provided a glimpse into the vast landscape of opportunities that education offers.

As you reflect on the insights shared here, remember that education knows no bounds. It transcends barriers and empowers individuals to reach their full potential. Let us embrace the diversity of knowledge and the richness of experiences that education brings, fostering lifelong learners who continuously seek to expand their horizons.

Education is not just about what we learn in textbooks; it's about the connections we make, the perspectives we gain, and the impact we create. As you continue your journey, embrace curiosity, embrace diversity, and embrace the power of learning to shape a better tomorrow.

We encourage you to explore further, ask questions, and challenge the status quo. Together, let's innovate, inspire, and empower the next generation of thinkers, dreamers, and change-makers.

Thank you for your commitment to the transformative power of education. We look forward to partnering with you on this incredible journey towards a brighter future.

With warm regards,

Alison & Jenna