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Dear friends,

I am super busy writing 7th grade curriculum and preparing for our Take Hold grades webinars this summer....so just a quick newsletter this month!

As many of you 'old timers' know, I have always had a thing against school during the summer—children change so much during that out-breath time of year and it is a real opportunity for them to have to go inward to find things to do...but it is not always easy for parents!

Here are a few oldie blog articles where I address this topic:

- [No School During Summer](#)
- [A Few Tips for Staying Sane During Breaks from Homeschool](#)
- [Summer Learning](#)

And here is one entitled '[Destructive Children Come to Play](#)'---something folks might have to deal with during the summer or at other times.

Webinars

Our webinars are winding down now for the summer and the two most recent, [The Four Temperaments](#) and [Embracing Being a Homemaker](#), are now available to purchase. Our last webinar is on [Prayer, Meditation and Steiner's Six Exercises](#). Our last two [Early Years Conversations](#) are entitled *Stop Talking So Much* and *Rhythm*.

There will be further webinars in the Fall.

It's not that I'm winding down over the summer—rather, I'm giving myself space to prepare for the webinars focused on each grade from first through seventh, the Take Hold grades webinars (oh—and I'm also writing curriculum, as I said!) I know there are more folks out there wanting to sign up—it would be super helpful to me if all of you who intend on taking one or more of these intensives with me registers as soon as possible—I can't really prepare until I know who has signed up, read their questionnaires and thought about the examples of their children's work they have sent. So please—if you are planning on attending a Take Hold webinar, [do sign up now.](#)

Theft of Christopherus materials

On a sad note...I have been told that some folks are printing out and selling parts of my curriculum online. I cannot tell you how upset this makes me. While my very small business does suffer financially each time folks share, swap and re-sell their curriculum, at least I can understand why they do that. And if folks knew that each loss of a sale directly effects me because Christopherus is so small, maybe they would think twice and see if they could save money in other ways. Even so, I do get it why people do this. But to steal my life's work by pirating Christopherus materials? I cannot fathom how someone would do that—or how others would purchase those materials.

We try so hard to help—we have not raised our prices in years despite rising costs of everything and despite the inflation which is hurting us as well as you all. We now ship free in the US and at a very low rate abroad. We always have some free materials and have helped those in need many times.

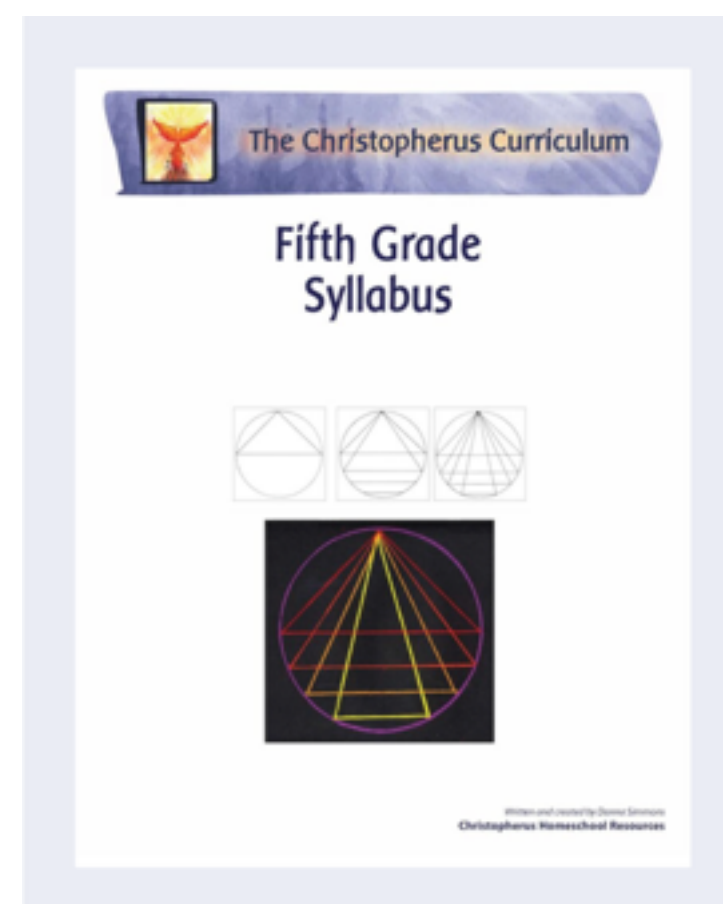
Won't you please try to ensure we survive these dire economic times by helping us make ends meet? I thank you all from my deepest heart's warmth for the support so many of you have shown over the years.

Christopherus Fifth Grade

So....drum roll please....our updated and much improved fifth grade curriculum is now available to purchase! [You can read about it here.](#)

And you can [sneak a peek at our new seventh grade history here](#), including listening to an excerpt of my recording for the student on the topic of 'conscience', an important theme for this year's history studies.

Til June!
Blessings on your homeschool journey,
Donna



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