Footprints

Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome to Footprints, the monthly newsletter published by Titus 2 Academy. Here you will find important updates and information about our school and homeschooling in Tennessee, insightful guidance in **From the Owl's Desk**, student activities and features in **Owls in Action**, and sage advice and stories in **Words of Wisdom**. In **Around the Nest,** our fine feathered friend, Einstein, will guide you through Q&As and help you with G.A.P., our Grades, Attendance, and Portfolio site.

Around the Nest

We are so thankful for our new families and we will do our very best to not only meet your needs but bless your lives as well. This month we want to draw your attention to the G.A.P. Academic Portal. If you haven't done so already, please get the GAP App on your phone. It's so EASY! On the Titus 2 Academy Home page, click on G.A.P. Login.



Scroll down to the instructions for how to add the app to your phone. Your phone may be a little different, but when you are on that page with your iPhone, you can click on the Share or Upload button (box with the arrow pointing up in the middle bottom of the screen) and then select Add to Home Screen. On an Android, you'll click on the 3 dots in the top right corner.

We use the app all the time – once you've logged in, you can click on Family Login and it takes you directly to the Portal, where you can read previous Footprints Newsletters, view the Welcome Letter, the updated Family Handbook, Important Forms (including the Proof of Enrollment and Teacher Verification, Proof of Enrollment for Work and Sports, DL forms), ID cards, and Homeschool Resources. You will also see the BLUE buttons, where you can request a transcript and make portfolio entries for your high schooler.

Grade and Attendance Reporting for the 2026/27 Fall Semester will be open December 20 - January 20.

Please click on the RED Contact Counselor button if you need help or have questions. We're here to help!!

Einstein wants you to check out all the new things we've added in the **"Forms You May Need"** section of our new Homeschool Resources area. Here are some of the new forms that you can use:

Previous Coursework & Grades Form

Optional forms under High School Planning -Roadmap to Graduation

Record Keeping Forms & Tools - Lots of optional forms here that you can use if you want, and even upload to your student's file. SO MANY TOOLS!!! Please see if there is anything that will help you stay organized, but do not feel that you are expected or required to use any of these.

Daily Fall and Spring Attendance forms are available here, too - even though parents only report grades and attendance to the school twice a year, these are forms for you to keep track of attendance if you want to use them.

A little Footprints shout-out

If you like the website and the G.A.P., how about giving Amber a huge Shout Out for designing it as well as working pretty much round the clock these days keeping everything running smoothly!

• You can send your words of appreciation to her at info@titus2academy.com. It will brighten her day!!

And a big THANK YOU to those of you who have reached out with beautiful expressions of gratitude - it means more than you know!



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!!!

We have a THANKSGIVING WEEK PROMO to save you $25 on your yearly registration! This is for **new and existing Titus 2 Academy families**. New families can register early for next year and wait until May to transfer your student's enrollment and records to Titus 2 Academy! Register at titus2academy.com 11/25/26 - 12/1/26





Owls in Action

“Unlike many birds, the owl does not rely on speed or spectacle. It waits, observes, and acts with purpose. For this reason, owl symbolism is often associated with quiet confidence, patience, and the wisdom that comes from experience rather than impulse. An owl reminds us that we do not always need to have all the answers immediately; sometimes wisdom comes from pausing, observing, and trusting our instincts. {“Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.” – Proverbs 14:29, “Listen to advice and accept discipline, and at the end, you will be counted among the wise.” – Proverbs 19:20}

BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH – Psalm 107:1



GET INTO THE ACTION!

Owls in Action is a place for our students to be part of Footprints. Try one of this month's activities, or send us something you would like to see featured in a future issue. Info@titus2academy.com

LITTLE OWLETS

Draw your favorite owl, make a nature collage, share a favorite book, or send a photo of something fun you learned this month.

BRANCHING OUT

Send a photo of a project, experiment, field trip, hobby, artwork, book review, funny homeschool moment, or something new you learned.

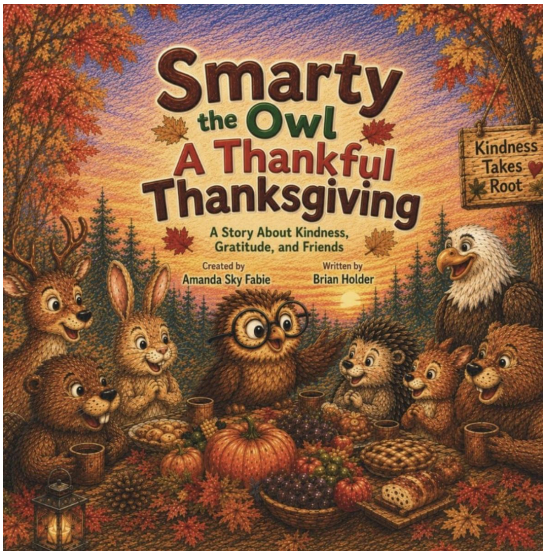
READY TO FLY

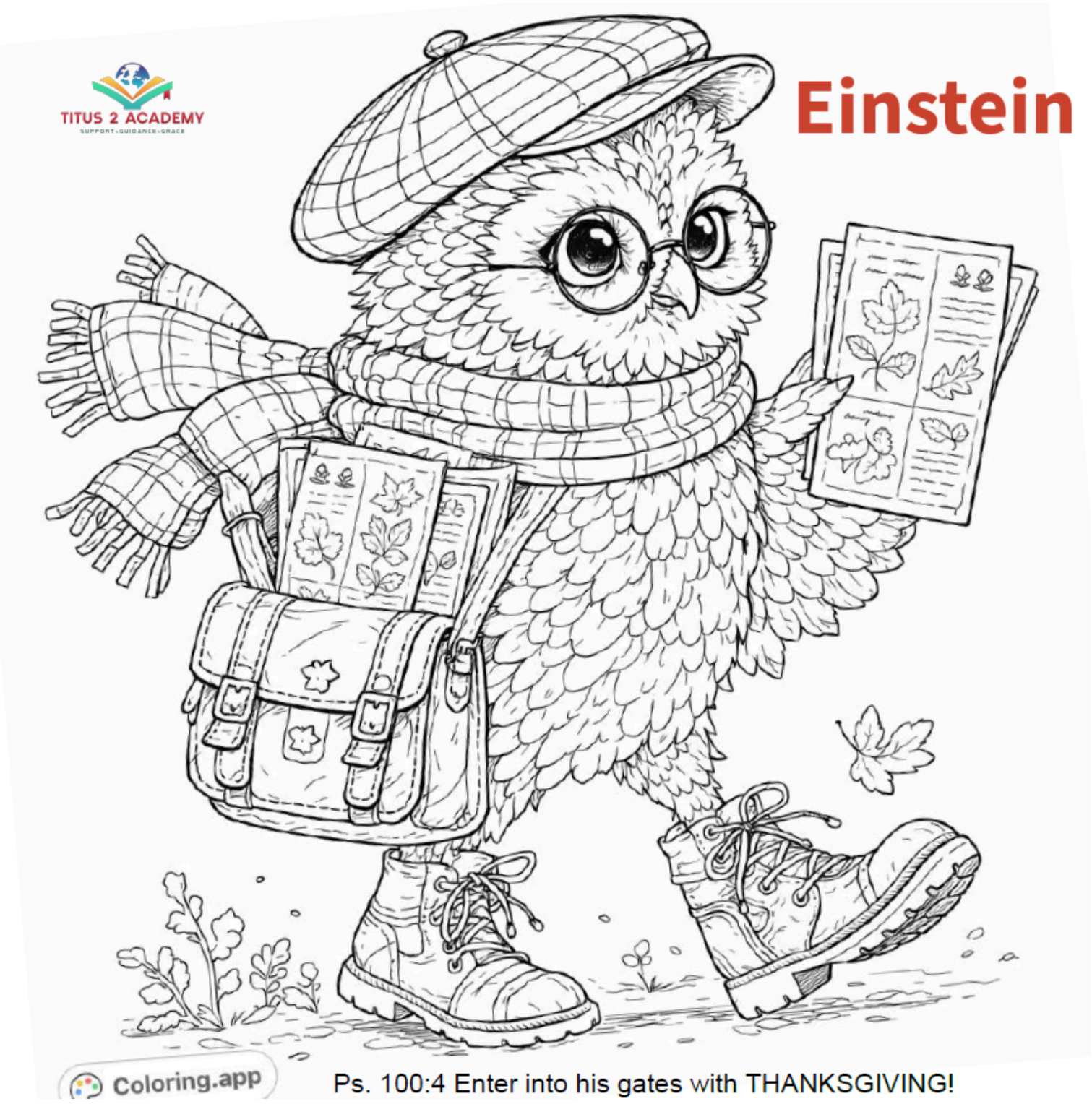
Share student writing, volunteer work, a job or business project, dual-enrollment news, an achievement, a goal you are working toward, or advice for younger students.

Ideas for Future Footprints

Students can also submit artwork, poems, short stories, recipes, jokes or riddles, photos of projects, "how I learned it" tips, favorite resources, questions for Einstein, or a short note about something they are proud of. Parent permission should accompany student submissions and photos. Info@titus2academy.com

The Book Nook Have you got a favorite book to share? Here's one that we've been reading to Einstein.





Here's a page for you to color and send to us - Einstein will LOVE to see all your beautiful pictures of himself!!! Yes, he knows he's cute!!!

From the Owl's Desk



LISTEN-UP PARENTS!

Did you check out our new forms in G.A.P. that are totally optional, but SO convenient for keeping up with homeschool records, from previous records to fieldtrips, to high school and college planning and more? They are in the FORMS YOU MAY NEED.

BE SURE TO LOOK FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION, DEADLINES, AND EVENTS, IN THE WEEKLY T2A UPDATES THAT ARE EMAILED TO YOU EACH WEEK! Please let us know if you are not getting these in your inbox (check your spam folder first). This month we've been sharing about the TN Promise and test deadlines- Hopefully, all parents in TN registered their seniors for the TN Promise by the November 2, 2026 deadline. **Also, you need to fill out the FAFSA. TN students are required to have this filled out to earn state grants and some money is first come, first serve, so be sure to get it filled out before December of your student's senior year.**

Homeschooling has never been so easy! At Titus 2 Academy, you have access to four of the most knowledgeable counselors in the world! Each one brings her own unique wisdom, talents, and personality to help YOU in YOUR homeschooling journey. Please visit our website to learn more about each of our four counselors – titus2academy.com.

THINGS TO REMEMBER when registering for the CLT, ACT and SAT - Titus 2 Academy students will enter our school **CEEB code 282993** when taking the SAT, ACT, or CLT so that their scores will be sent to **Titus 2 Academy**.

NOTE: The ACT has not updated their list of schools since May 2026, so Titus 2 Academy is not in their list. Our students may have to register with ACT as a **homeschooler** until they update their list- code **969-999**.

Parents will then need to send those scores to the school through the **info@titus2academy.com** email or upload in GAP to the student's folder.

We have a fantastic article by our very own Pat Wesolowski -

Homeschooling Through the Holidays: Why We Took a Two-Month Break (and Never Regretted It)

Holiday Freebies from Freedom Homeschooling

- Thanksgiving Unit Studies
- Advent Activities
- Christmas Around the World Unit Studies
- More Christmas Unit Studies
- Printable Christmas Card Craft
- Printable Christmas Thank You Notes

MORE GOOD NEWS FROM FREEDOM HOMESCHOOLING - New Free Science Curriculum Page

We have a new Science Curriculum page! Previously, all of the science curriculum was listed together on a single page. Now, from the menu on the new page, you can navigate to separate pages for each of the following:

- General Science
- Earth and Space Science
- Life Science
- Physical Science
- Applied Science
- Nature Study

Each page includes options for elementary, middle, and high school. I hope this change makes it easier to find the curriculum your family needs. Stay tuned; our History Curriculum page is next in line for a similar update.

Events

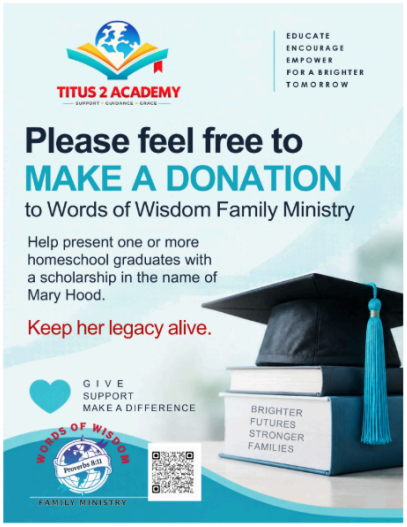
The Set Free to Homeschool workshop day on Nov. 7th in Spring Hills, TN was a great time! Margie and Lani were two of the three speakers, along with Brandi Alderson, who put together the first of an annual event! There were many vendors there as well, so we got to meet and reconnect with fellow homeschoolers who have so much to offer homeschool families. Titus 2 Academy and the Homeschool Counseling Team had one table each, with Margie and Lani manning them. Here's a picture Brandi took.



Words of Wisdom

How to Support Words of Wisdom Family Ministry

Please read our June and July Footprints Newsletters (on our website) for more information about Words of Wisdom Family Ministry. Home - Titus 2 Academy. We will have our first book in our Words Of Wisdom Legacy Series out by the Spring. It's a book about Mary Hood, our first legacy mom. The scholarship(s) we present to one or more graduating homeschool seniors will honor her contributions to the early homeschooling community and bear her name - The Mary Hood Legacy Scholarship.



You can now donate to Words of Wisdom Family Ministry/Titus 2 Academy by simply scanning this QR code. All donations, unless you tell us otherwise, will be put in the scholarship fund.

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