Keeping It Real
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With the increasing popularity of homeschooling, I sometimes wonder about the impressions and stereotypes of the homeschooling experience. Not that I’m worried about the comments from the naysayers. Though homeschooling can be done, and well, by anybody, I do know that it is not for everybody. I have seen for myself the benefits of homeschooling; their concerns are not a concern of mine.

And part of what I love about VaHomeschoolers Voice is the sharing of articles about what is going well for homeschoolers, written by homeschoolers themselves—the successes, the inspiration, the creativity. I love to read about kids who have discovered their passion, like Artemis Hatch, who has dreams to create a tiny home, or Heidi Zmick, who is pursuing her love of French. But I sometimes wonder if, as a community, we don’t buy a little too heavily into our own press—that homeschoolers are highly motivated and bright; that homeschooling is always smooth sailing; that our children will discover their passions, like Artemis Hatch, who has dreams to create a tiny home, or Heidi Zmick, who is pursuing her love of French.

Sometimes, when we’re not inspired, we just have to push through. There’s a sign on the wall to the yoga studio where I practice that reads, “Discipline is remembering why.”1 And what is our own press—that homeschoolers are highly motivated and bright; that homeschooling is always smooth sailing; that our children will discover their passions, like Artemis Hatch, who has dreams to create a tiny home, or Heidi Zmick, who is pursuing her love of French.

First, in the immortal words of Douglas Adams, “Don’t panic.”

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1 To read Jeanne’s article, visit thehomeschoolmom.com/october-1-curriculum-not-working-day