



Dear Friends,

Spring has finally arrived. As the grass gets greener and the flowers begin to bloom, we celebrate life; life that has been given to us and our families.

One of my new endeavors is getting the Facebook page up and running. **Please "like" me on facebook and pass the news.** This will keep you up to date on the very latest news and articles concerning education.

Our life is becoming very busy. Bob is busy getting my GLiz Tutoring sign up, and I am planting and planning my vegetable and flower beds. I am trying to move from purchasing annuals to planting many perennials. It is fun gathering seeds from my own plants as well as friends' and trying to get them to germinate.

We are also busy filling orders for Applied Grammar and creating ads for the new programs that GLiz Tutoring is offering this summer. I am going to do 4 week-long classes that are 2 hours each morning from 10 to 12. I am very excited to be able to do classes on pond and stream life, grammar and writing, canning and nutrition, and beginning sewing. It sounds like so much fun, that I can hardly wait for it to begin. Our open house is July 13th and will include ice cream, a puppet show, and Willy Bill the

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### News & Events

Conventions this year include:  
**LEAH:** March 17th,  
Long Island, NY

**Midwest Home-school Convention:**  
Cincinnati, Ohio;  
April 4-6

CHAP: Harrisburg, PA; May 10-11

If you would like to get together with a group of parents to look at and touch Applied Grammar, give me a call and we will set up a time to send you the materials to look at and do a Skype question and answer time.

Clown, who happens to live next door.

Our family is joining together to raise chickens for our own healthy eggs, and cooperating in the effort of raising vegetables to eat. It is a wonderful blessing to have our children cooperating with each other and loving each other.

May you be blessed with love and sustenance in abundance.

Sincerely,  
Bob and Gail

You can find past copies of the newsletter [here](#).

We also have a [page](#) with links to articles that we find interesting.

## Featured Article

### A Great Way to Start Your New Flowers



Did you know that you can use plastic gallon milk cartons as mini-green houses to start your annuals and soft perennials?

My good friend, Becky, showed me how to start my soft perennials in milk cartons in February to give them a great start in the Spring. First, you cut slits in the bottoms for drainage. Then, you slice all the way around the middle right where the bottom of the handle attaches to the carton. Leave the handle attached so that you can bend back the top. Put soil in and plant your seeds, such as Lantana, and Verbena, from plants that would be considered perennials a little farther south. Water the soil and leave the screw lid off. Tape the top to the bottom to keep it in place and to keep in the warmth. Place

your little greenhouse in a sunny and sheltered location where it can get rain. Check it occasionally to make sure the soil stays moist, and you will have some great little plants to help with your landscaping.

You can also do this with annuals once the threat of freezing weather is past because your little greenhouse will keep the new little plants from getting frosted.

This is a great way to teach gardening to little children, and also a way for their project to benefit the family.