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Celebrating Your Family's First Day of School



Your children are older. They're starting a new grade. Things may be very different for your family this year, but don't let that stop you from making the first day of school something special to remember. Here are a few ideas to help you create an exciting first day.

First Day of School pictures

These are a tradition in many families. Start (or continue!) this tradition with a twist for this year.

- * Take your pics in jammies
- * Kids sleeping until noon these days? Sleeping pics!
- * Pics at a locale to represent your unique school year - perhaps the pool, the beach, a garden
- * Take school pics with your pets
- * Dress in cosplay for this year's school pic
- * Don't forget to take mom's or dad's "first day" pic too!



First Day of School Breakfast

Start the morning off with a special treat to celebrate the day. Donuts * Homemade scones and jam * pancakes * waffles * Pizza? - Whatever your family loves.



Basket, box or cone filled with School Supplies

Make the first day of school special with a gift that can be used throughout the year. Ideas for filling * gel pens * crayons * colored pencils * notebooks * exciting chapter books * drawing pads * science kits * card and board games * small Lego kits * craft kits *



Game Day

Make the first day of school all about games! Learn a new board game * Play an old favorite * Learn a magic card trick * Create your own board game * Have a Minecraft tournament with friends *



Field Trip

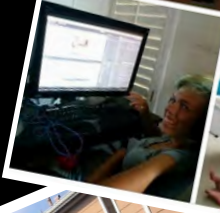
What better way to celebrate the first day of school than by going on an exciting adventure? Need some ideas to get you started? Go apple, strawberry or watermelon picking * visit a farm * tour an arboretum * visit a zoo or aquarium * hike a new trail * make it a beach day * go camping



However you choose to celebrate, we hope you have a fabulous first day of school!

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For all our new homeschoolers - every August and September, many homeschoolers look forward to celebrating with their friends at annual "Not Back to School" events. There are not back to school camps, not back to school beach days, not back to school lake meet-ups, not back to school bonfires and even a not back to school day at



Disneyland. These are time honored traditions where homeschoolers gather to have fun and enjoy their communities at a time when all of these places are less crowded, because the general public has returned from their summer vacations and gone back to school.



This year will be different. Camps are virtual. Disneyland is closed. There are no group gatherings at beaches and lakes. We all have to meet with our friends in cyberspace, rather than in person. But while it is different, it's definitely not canceled.



The general public will still, for the most part, be back from vacation and attending school during normal weekday hours, even if they are doing it virtually. And that means that many favorite locations will be less crowded than they have been over the summer. Being less crowded will make it easier for you to visit them while still being socially responsible and social distancing with your family.



Take advantage of this slow down in daytime attendance and make your own Not Back to School outings possible. Go out. Take your family on a little road trip to pick apples or strawberries. Have a bonfire at the beach. Visit an alpaca farm. Go to the camel dairy. Go whale watching. Check out the tide pools. Go fishing at your favorite spot. Visit a county, state or national park.

Take your children on field trips and give them unique experiences that they can have *because* they are homeschooling. Show them what fun, exciting and educational learning experiences exist in the world all around them. We may not be able to do everything as usual. But there is still plenty to do and an amazing world to explore.

Be sure to check with the places you want to visit ahead of time to make sure they are open and to see if you need reservations. And be sure to take your masks and hand sanitizer along for a safe and responsible outing.



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Setting Goals for your School Year

If you are new to homeschooling, or even have been homeschooling for a few years, planning your year and setting your goals may be one of the most stressful and time consuming activities of your year. Here are a few ideas to help simplify the process and hopefully help you stress less.

1. Start at the end. One of the best methods to use when figuring out your learning objectives for each year is to understand what your ultimate goal is. I'm not talking about your goal for the semester. Or your goal for how many books to read. I'm talking about your end goal.

When your child turns 18 and is legally an adult, where do you want them to be? And where do they want to be? Are you

aiming to produce a life-long learner? Is the end goal a family trade? A doctorates degree? A certification program through a community college? Thinking this through and having that answer, can greatly help guide you in your planning through the years. And if that goal changes over the years, adjust your plan accordingly. Changing direction is not a sign of failure, it's a normal part of life.



2. Once you know what the big picture looks like, what the end goal is, you can break that down into more manageable annual milestones. The closer your child is to 18, the more clear these milestones need to be. If

your child is only 7, then you can take a looser approach with annual planning, because they still have a long way to go. Keep in mind that you are on an educational journey with your child, not a race to an invisible finish line.

3. Make your annual goals simple, concise and realistic. For a high school student, the goals could be something like "Complete a year of Spanish, one semester of US Government, one semester of US History, a year of Algebra 1 and one semester of a science class of their choice." For a 5 year old, the goals will be much looser with something like "Work on recognizing shapes and colors, counting to 100, playing with math manipulatives, reading together daily and doing a fun weekly science experiment." Your goals shouldn't be complicated.

4. When creating these simple goals, look at where your child is now, and where you want them to be in 9 months, or a typical school year. This will help you decide if the goals are realistic. Aiming too high will frustrate you and your child, so keep it manageable.

5. Once you have narrowed it down to this simple list of goals for the year, you can start your research. This is when you look for classes, curriculum, books, kits and games that will help you reach those simple, concise and realistic goals you came up with.



6. Whenever possible, include your child in the planning process. There are plenty of places they can have input and having them excited about what they will be learning this year will make it a much easier year for both of you. Have them help pick what kind of science to work on or science experiments they want to try. Are they interested in fancy writing and expert penmanship? Maybe work on calligraphy. Ask them if there is a particular time in history that interests them. and then study that. If they love art, make sure there's plenty of it worked into their

learning. If they enjoy board or card games, incorporate these into your math program. Whatever they are passionate about, make sure there is time for that subject to work into your weekly schedule too.

Above all, enjoy the journey along with your child. Participate. Be present. Learn with them. Take time to smell the roses. If that means spending 6 months learning everything there is to know about dinosaurs, do it. If that means reading that favorite book for the 87th time, do it. You won't regret it.



- * What is the end goal of my child's education?*
- * What do they need to do this year to work towards that goal?*
- * Find classes or curriculum to help them reach that goal.*
- * Break it down by month or week, to keep on track.*
- * Reassess and change things up whenever necessary.*

REMINDER:

There is *NO SUCH THING* as an
Education Emergency



Take a deep breath

Learning is a life-long process. It is not a race.
Take things one step at a time. If something isn't
working, change it. Spend time with your children.
Learn with them. Have fun together.

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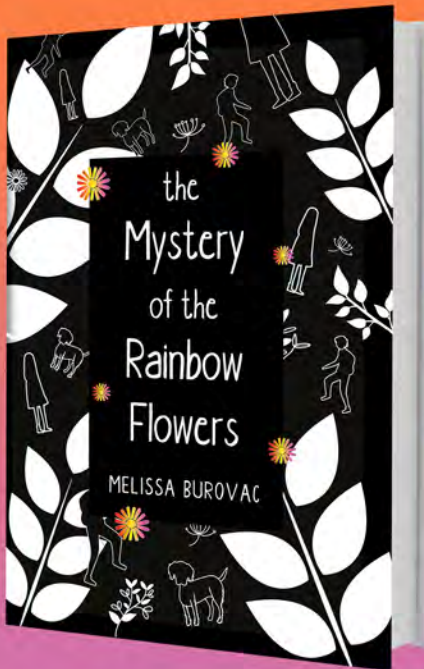
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You've Got This

By Katherine White

Hey new-to-homeschooling parents. I know this is impossible advice, but take a deep breath and relax. Especially if your kids are in elementary/jr. high school. You genuinely can not screw this up beyond redemption if you love your kids and take some sort of interest in them.

No, really. Your kids WANT to learn. They WANT to spend time with you. So, start with something, and if you don't like it, whether it's an online program, or fancy curriculum or whatever...switch. Put it back in the box and do something else. How do you know if it's the wrong program for your kid? If they dread doing it, if you dread doing it, if there are more tears than laughter, let it go.

My best advice is not to spend too much money on any curriculum. Make sure that, if you decide it's not a good match, you're willing to leave it behind. There is no magic book or curriculum that is more important than your relationship with your kids and fostering their love for learning.



So, if you signed up for a school and you don't like it, leave. If you started "the worlds best curriculum" and you and your kids hate it, send it back. If your kid is too stressed out by everything else that is going on



in the world right now, then play with them or watch videos or go outside and look at bugs under a microscope, then call it a day. It's going to be fine. (That's all some homeschoolers ever do, and still their kids manage to learn to read, write and function in the world)

If your mother in law, or your own mother wants to put in their two cents about your choices, tell them you only allow input in cash format. These are your kids, you know what they need. You are smart enough to do this... you already got them walking, talking and potty trained (mostly).

Take this opportunity of being together to enjoy whatever time you have with your little ones. They will be grown before you know it. And remember, there are no problems until you know there's a problem. So just take things as they come and adjust accordingly.

Big hugs to you all, you're going to do great!

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Keeping Teens Connected to Friends & Community





Keeping our homeschooled teens socially connected to their peers is generally fairly straightforward. They see their friends at classes, at park days, on field trips, at the beach, at dances, at conferences and any of the other myriad social opportunities available to California Homeschoolers. But with everything shut down for the past 5 months, it has been more of a challenge.


Some families have social distanced with another family or two, to keep the teens together. But others, for the sake of at risk family members, must keep their household strictly apart. Many teens who had strongly established friend groups pre-pandemic have been able to transition fairly well to virtual socializing. But others find their teens are in need of more social interaction with their peers.


Thankfully, we live in the digital age and there are several things that can help. We've compiled a list of some virtual spaces that can help your teen meet people and find some friends that they enjoy hanging out with and talking to.

While not as interactive as a live chat, online gaming can get teens connected to others if they play regularly. Some of the most popular multiplayer games with many servers and the ability to talk to others are Fortnite, Minecraft, Overwatch, Rocket League and Animal Crossing. And playing games with friends online can be really fulfilling.

 **Roll20** If you have teens that love to play D&D and other role playing games, have them check out the Roll20 app or website. It's a great place to get a group of friends together virtually to play. You can also join a pick up game, if you don't have friends available at the moment. Be sure to fill out your player profile completely and if you are fairly new to playing, check the option that only shows games that welcome new players.

 **DISCORD** Discord is an app that was initially created for gamers to chat over while playing. But has evolved into a huge social networking app. Gaming is still big, but there are also servers for all kinds of subjects - music, science and tech, entertainment, and more. You can chat via text or voice. The southern California homeschool teens and recent grads run a Discord server just for the homeschoolers. If you have a teen looking for some homeschooled friends and conversation, have them check it out. Here's the link to join their server <https://discord.gg/Dhwn8zd>

 VRchat is a free app you can download from STEAM and works on most VR devices and on Windows. A VR device is not required to play, but having one gives you more functionality. There are many worlds you can visit on VRchat with friends or visit them to find friends with things in common. There are worlds for watching movies, for playing games, and for hanging out. There are even dance clubs for listening to music and practicing being a DJ. You'll generally find a younger crowd online during the day and a more mature one at night made up of older teens and young adults.

 TikTok is, of course, one of the most popular platforms out there right now. In addition to watching and creating fun videos, you can create duet's with other users and there's a chat function to talk to friends and potential friends or message your favorite creators.



Instagram has been around for quite a while, but it's still a great place to keep up with and comment on what your friends have been doing. It also has a good chat system built into it, to keep in touch. Plus you have the ability to find and follow accounts that interest you, and message and chat with their creators.



The Amino app is made up of a network of communities and lets you explore, discover, and obsess over the things you're into. Amino was built specifically for fandoms. If you love something, you'll more than likely find an Amino for it, along with lots of other people that love that something too. The Aminos allows you to keep up with current news about what you love, chat with other fans and have long debates with interesting people. It's a good place to find your people.

There are other games and apps out there, I just wanted to touch on a few that may help your teen or your teen and their friends connect more with a broader group of people. Studies have shown that all people, including teens, have better mental health when they have at least 2 separate groups of friends that they interact with regularly. It gives us a sense of belonging and a feeling of security that is good for our mental wellbeing. I hope your teen (and anyone else in the family that needs more social interaction) can use these tools to help find some new friends that inspire them.

Sharon Anderson

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7 Ways to Appreciate the Outdoors while Mastering Early Writing Skills

By Kristin Dunn



I'm always more than ready to go outside and dig in the dirt at the first signs of spring and summer.

Planting flowers in pots and small flower beds just makes everything beautiful again! The fresh air, wind and sparkling sunshine are good for my soul.

Children naturally love the outdoors. They like running, jumping, playing in the dirt, and splashing in puddles. Preschool and kindergarten-aged children need ample amounts of outdoor play, and homeschool moms don't have to sacrifice precious hours of learning in order to satisfy this need. We can take learning outdoors! With the

busyness of life and the drive to check everything off the list, moms may forget the benefits of outdoor learning, but it is vital in child development.

Recognizing and writing the alphabet and numbers, learning consonant and vowel sounds, and drawing shapes are some of the first skills acquired in early learning development. The good news is that reviewing these skills outdoors as children delight in the pretty sunshine is relatively easy. It just takes a little thought and minimal prep work. Here are seven ways to appreciate the outdoors while mastering early writing skills.

1. Take a portable chalkboard or dry erase board outside.

Last Christmas my children were given a portable chalkboard/dry erase board from their grandparents. A paper roll is also positioned between the two boards; so pulling the paper over one of the boards and clipping it in place is another option. It makes a fantastic three-in-one device. I always look



forward to taking our boards outside as we practice drawing shapes, letters, and numbers. Plus, that chalk dust will make much less of a mess outside!

2. Write in the sand.

Sandboxes are popular play areas for many families. Drawing shapes and alphabet letters is an ideal activity for outdoor play in the sandbox. Children can use a stick or their fingers! This activity is also handy for reviewing letters and shapes while on vacation at the beach!



3. Make chalk art.

Drawing shapes and letters outside on the sidewalk is an entertaining activity for parents and children as they make memories. Just make a big pitcher of lemonade, and get busy creating! A large driveway and some sidewalk chalk is also an ingenious place for a practice spelling test.

4. Make alphabet letters out of construction paper or foam and decorate them with markers or glitter.

Call me the "no fun mama," but I don't like glitter in the house, and washable markers are a must! Children essentially love glitter, however, so the best use for it is in outdoor play. Give them pre-cut letters or shapes, and let them glitter decorate until their little hearts are content!

5. Use sticks or small rocks to make letters or numbers.

Give your little ones a container to gather their sticks and rocks. Collecting the materials for their "writing" project will also expend loads of energy. They will enjoy looking for smaller stones and sticks, collecting them, and building shapes, alphabet letters, and numbers.



6. Paint with water.

A bucket of water and a small paintbrush is all that is needed for this simple outdoor writing activity. Children will love painting letters, shapes, and spelling words on colored construction paper, the sidewalk, or even a dark colored fence. If it's a hot day, the sun may dry up their artwork quickly, but it will still bring loads of amusement and fun.

7. Open the window in the classroom.

While my last suggestion is not an outdoor activity, I believe it is vital to bring the outdoors inside. I have a large window in my homeschool room, and I love opening the window while we work inside. It brings a breath of fresh air to the classroom and allows us to appreciate nature while we complete assignments inside.

These seven ways for appreciating the outdoors while mastering early writing skills are easy to implement, especially on days when the sun is shining bright in the sky, beckoning you and your children to come out and enjoy nature. I hope you will try a couple of these suggestions with your little ones and relish the experience of outdoor learning.



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Kristin loves creating recipes, planting pretty flowers, learning new skills, organizing, and minimalist decorating. Join her for bits and pieces of the music of life as she shares recipes, tips for mamas, encouragement, and personal stories at her blog, Kristin's Peppermints and Cherries.

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Thinking About Homeschooling?



Many families who have recently been forced to try school at home are thinking about switching permanently to the homeschool option. Thankfully, California is a great state for homeschooling and provides several options for families to choose from.

In California, children who turn six by September 1 must be enrolled in a legal school. There are three primary options available to parents who want to homeschool.

- ▶ File a Private School Affidavit (PSA), effectively creating your own private school.
- ▶ Enroll in a Private Satellite Program (PSP).
- ▶ Enroll in a public ISP or Charter school with either a virtual or homeschool option.

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Alternatives to Public School

Children between the ages of 6 and 18 must be enrolled in a public school or a specified alternative, and that is your decision to make! Kindergarten is not mandatory, but children who turn 6 by September 1st must enroll that school year (*California Education Code §48222, 48224*). Each family has unique needs and circumstances, so choosing an alternative will require considering your individual family situation and the needs of each child.

Your Options:

- **Credentialed tutor** A parent with an appropriate current California teacher's credential may teach his/her child under the private tutorial exemption. Parents may also hire a credentialed tutor for their child. Tutors are required to teach for a minimum of 3 hours each day, 175 days per school year, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. (*California Education Code §48224*)
- **Private School** There are two home-based private school options:
 - Establish a Home-Based Private School by filing a [Private School Affidavit \(PSA\)](#) You may establish a private school in your home and enroll your child as an alternative to public school. This will give you the ultimate in control over your schedule and curriculum. If you establish a home-based private school, you will be the administrator responsible for record keeping, curriculum and all aspects of your child's education.
 - Enroll in a [Private School Satellite Program \(PSP\)](#) PSPs (formerly known as umbrella schools) file a California private school affidavit every year as part of their legal obligation to be in compliance with California Education Code. They can enroll families who want to homeschool. Some PSPs offer classes, both site based and online, curriculum packages and/or activities for their members. Others offer guidance and record keeping, but leave the day-to-day details to the parents. Fees, guidance and requirements vary widely with each school.
- **Public ISP/Charter School** Some public schools and charter schools offer independent study. These public programs are funded by tax dollars, so there is no fee to attend. Some offer a set curriculum you do at home or online. Others allow parents to select some materials. The curriculum will be aligned with Common Core and testing is required. If you enroll in one of these programs, you will need to keep the records required by your program and regularly meet with a credentialed teacher to turn in required paperwork. The amount of freedom you have in choosing what to study depends on the program's policies and your assigned teacher

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California Homeschool Network would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome our newest Board of Trustees members, Windi Eckland and Michai Freeman. We are delighted to have them join our team and are thankful for their volunteer service with CHN. We look forward to working together to serve the homeschool community and ensure it has a strong, vibrant future in California.



I am a long-time homeschool mom with a passion for child-centered education and family support. We have been homeschooling for over 11 years through the California public charter school system. My two youngest are currently enrolled in an independent study public charter school. This past school year we moved my oldest out of the charter school and we now homeschool him independently through a PSA. Since starting our homeschool journey as a family I have dedicated myself to being an integral part of our unique and diverse community. I have worked to broaden educational choices and knowledge of the programs available to our families. I am honored to serve on the board of CHN helping to support families in finding their homeschool path.



Michai Freeman grew up in New York City. She graduated from the University of California 1996 with a BA in Middle Eastern Studies and in 2009 earned a master's degree in Holistic Studies from John F. Kennedy University. Michai Freeman has homeschooled her son for four years through a public charter school and is passionate about equity and social justice in education.



The CHN Board of Trustees would like to thank Rhonda Hamilton for her many years of volunteer service. She has served on the board of trustees, 1-800 hostess, Expo Coordinator and more. She will remain our webmaster. We wish her and her family all the best with their out of state move. Thank you Rhonda! You will be greatly missed.



The CHN Board of Trustees would like to thank Trina Rueber for her years of service and also thank both her and her family for all their hard work making the Family Village at the CHN Family Expo so fun these past few years.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Pam Dowling - When I'm not busy with CHN or dabbling in bookkeeping, I'm teaching beginning sewing to homeschoolers! I find it very rewarding and at times very entertaining. The things kids say! I started my homeschooling journey in 2002 and now my son is a college graduate, has a driver's license and is employed! They do make it. Homeschooling, like parenting isn't something you do, it's something you experience. I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world. I'm grateful to have the opportunity to stay connected to this wonderful community through my serving on the CHN board of Trustees. CHN provides me with speaking opportunities that I never thought would be something I would immensely enjoy.

Given that public speaking is people's number one fear. But, after I spoke for over two hours at the 2014 Expo and had a dad come up to me after and tell me that he didn't think they could homeschool their child. They were afraid since they lived across the street from the school but, now they knew what their rights were and they knew they could do it! Then he asked if he could hug me. I'm hooked. It's the most rewarding part of volunteering for me. Helping to produce Expo is also very rewarding. Expo brings so much to homeschooling families, new and experienced. I am very proud to serve on the CHN Board of Trustee and help CHN fulfill its mission statement.



Martin Forte, along with his wife Carolyn, owns and operate EIE Academy and Excellence In Education Resource Center in Monrovia, California. Martin and his wife successfully homeschooled their two daughters for 14 years. Both girls are college graduates and married with children. Martin has been a homeschool spokesman and advocate for more that 20 years, appearing on numerous radio and television programs and speaking at homeschool conventions as well as on of the co-founders of the California Homeschool Network. He is also a certified Learning Style Coach with his wife Carolyn.



I am very excited to be welcomed to the California Homeschool Network Board of Trustees and I look forward to continuing supporting the homeschool community and personalized education. I am originally from Iowa but Long Beach, CA is now home for my family of three. By day, I am an aspiring urban farmer and homeschool Mom to our science driven 6 year old son. I spend my evenings as a recording artist and singer. I have toured, taught, and performed internationally in 7 countries as well as throughout the U.S., singing at prominent music fests, entertainment venues and private events. Thank you for having me, I look forward to growing with the CHN community!



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CHN Newsletter

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We hope you found our newsletter helpful and that it provided information and activities that are useful on your homeschooling journey, whether you are brand new or a seasoned pro.

California Homeschool Network is an all-volunteer organization of energetic and dedicated homeschooling families working to preserve educational freedom. CHN monitors and responds to legislation which may pose a threat to homeschooling. We also inform and empower homeschooling families, educate the public and foster community among home educators in the state of California.

Thank you,
California Homeschool Network

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California Homeschool Network was founded in 1994 by a statewide group of homeschooling families. We are an inclusive group, which means we serve families from all religious and ethnic affiliations that practice all homeschooling styles.

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