



Back-to-Homeschool Activities

Twenty-five simple activities to help your family celebrate the start of a new homeschool year.



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Let's Start Something Good.

Starting a new homeschool year is a big deal, for both you and your kids. Whether this is year one or year ten, a little intentional fun at the beginning sets the tone for everything that follows.

These 25 activities are designed to build excitement, create traditions your family will look forward to every year, and help everyone feel ready to dive in.

Pick a few, pick them all — there's no wrong way to kick off your year.



Getting Ready

1

Pick Out School Supplies

Let your kids choose their own notebooks, folders, pencils, crayons, and other supplies. It's a simple way to build excitement and ownership.

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Organize Your Learning Space

Sort supplies, tidy shelves, and give everything a home. An organized learning space helps everyone start the year feeling prepared.

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Set Up a Dedicated Learning Space

Whether it's a desk, kitchen table, or reading nook, let your kids help create a space that feels like their own.

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Decorate Planners and Notebooks

Break out the stickers, washi tape, and colored pens. Personalizing planners and notebooks makes using them more fun all year long.

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Do a Curriculum Sneak Peek

Flip through new books together, watch a trailer for an online course, or preview a science kit. Build anticipation for what's coming.

6

Create a "This Year I Want to Learn" Poster

From dinosaurs to decimals, let kids dream big. Decorate a poster with the things they're most excited to learn this year.

Homeschool Ace Tip

The best homeschool years don't begin with perfect plans. They begin with simple moments that bring your family together. Choose the activities that excite you most, adapt them to fit your family's style, and enjoy building traditions that you'll look forward to every year.

First-Day Traditions

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Create a "First Day" Banner or Sign

Design a fun photo prop or welcome banner to celebrate your official start date. A piece of poster board and some markers is all you need.

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Take Back-to-Homeschool Photos

Capture the moment with photos that include grade levels, favorite subjects, and big dreams for the year. You'll love looking back at these.

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Plan a First-Day Celebration Meal

Whether it's waffles, donuts, or a picnic lunch — a special meal marks the beginning in a meaningful way. Let the kids help pick the menu.

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Read a Back-to-School Book Together

Pick a picture book for the littles or start a new chapter book for the older ones. Reading together on day one sets the tone for a year full of great books.

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Do a First-Day Interview

Ask your kids the same set of questions every year — favorite color, best friend, what they want to be. Record it on video or write it down.

Homeschool Ace Tip

Your children won't remember every worksheet, but they'll remember how the first day felt. A simple tradition can become one of the highlights of every school year.

Kick-Off Experiences

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Go on a School Year Kick-Off Field Trip

Visit a museum, zoo, or historic site. It's a great way to ease into learning while having fun together.

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Create a Homeschool Morning Playlist

Pick energizing, joyful songs to start the day. Let each kid add a few picks and hit play every morning.

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Have a School Supply Scavenger Hunt

Hide supplies around the house and let the kids find and earn their materials. It turns a mundane task into an adventure.

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Host a Back-to-Homeschool Playdate

Invite another homeschool family over to celebrate the start of the year. Keep it simple — snacks, a craft, and fun.

Memory-Making

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Write a Letter to Myself

Let each child write a note to their future self — hopes, fears, dreams. Seal it and open it on the last day of school.

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Start a Time Capsule Project

Have each child put in a photo, a drawing, a list of favorites, and their goals. Open it at the end of the year.

18

Start a Memory Book or Scrapbook

Add photos, writing samples, and artwork each month. By year's end you'll have something you'll want to keep.

19

Take a Family First Day Selfie

Not just the kids — the whole crew. Grab everyone, snap the photo, and start a tradition you'll love looking back on.

Setting the Tone

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Set Homeschool Goals Together

Sit down as a family and talk about academic goals and personal growth. Kids take goals more seriously when they help set them.

22

Create a Vision Board for the Year

Use magazines, printables, or drawings to collage goals, dreams, and themes for the upcoming school year.

24

Create a Family Schedule Together

Let your kids have input on the daily rhythm. When they help shape the routine, they're more likely to stick with it.

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Choose a Word of the Year

Words like adventure, curiosity, or joy can shape your homeschool tone and mindset for the year ahead.

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Add Themed Days to Your Week

Keep learning fresh with themed days like STEM Fridays, Art Tuesdays, or Field Trip Thursdays.

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Make a What Worked / What Didn't List

Before you launch into a new year, reflect on last year. What do you want to keep? What needs to change?

Homeschool Ace Tip

Your schedule doesn't have to look like anyone else's. The best routine is the one your family will actually follow. Build your days around your family's priorities, and let your routine support the life you're creating together.

Our Homeschool Kickoff Plan

The best homeschool years begin with intention.

First Day of School

Family Word of the Year

Our Family's Top 10

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Moments to Celebrate

First Day Celebration

Curriculum Sneak Peek

Family Goal Conversation

Kickoff Field Trip

What We're Looking Forward To

*Remember, you don't have to do everything.
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Here's to a Great Year.

We hope these ideas help your family kick off the homeschool year with excitement, purpose, and a few new traditions worth keeping.

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