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Welcome!

Welcome to our first Summer Issue! We are thrilled to have you join us on this incredible path together, where the world becomes your classroom and endless opportunities for learning and growth await.

Whether you are just starting your homeschooling journey or are supplementing your child's education, this magazine is designed to provide you with resources, inspiration, and support. We believe in the power of community, and we're here to foster connections and provide resources and ideas that will enrich your educational experience.

Let us journey with you as you embark on this remarkable adventure, where learning knows no boundaries and the love of knowledge is cultivated each day. We are honored to be able to walk alongside you!

A Message from our Director

Homeschooling represents a unique approach to education, one that places the power of learning in the hands of parents, guardians, and dedicated educators. It is a path that embraces the individuality of each child, cherishing their diverse interests, strengths, and learning styles.



In this ever-changing world, where traditional educational systems face new challenges, homeschooling stands as a beacon of hope and possibility. It offers flexibility, personalization, and a nurturing environment where children can flourish academically, socially, and emotionally. The dedication of homeschooling families never ceases to inspire me. The passion and commitment that you bring to your child's education are truly remarkable.

Your commitment to nurturing the minds and hearts of your children is truly awe-inspiring. Together, we can shape a brighter future, one where each child's potential is unleashed and celebrated.

I wish you all continued success on this incredible homeschooling journey!

~ Tracy Schroeder

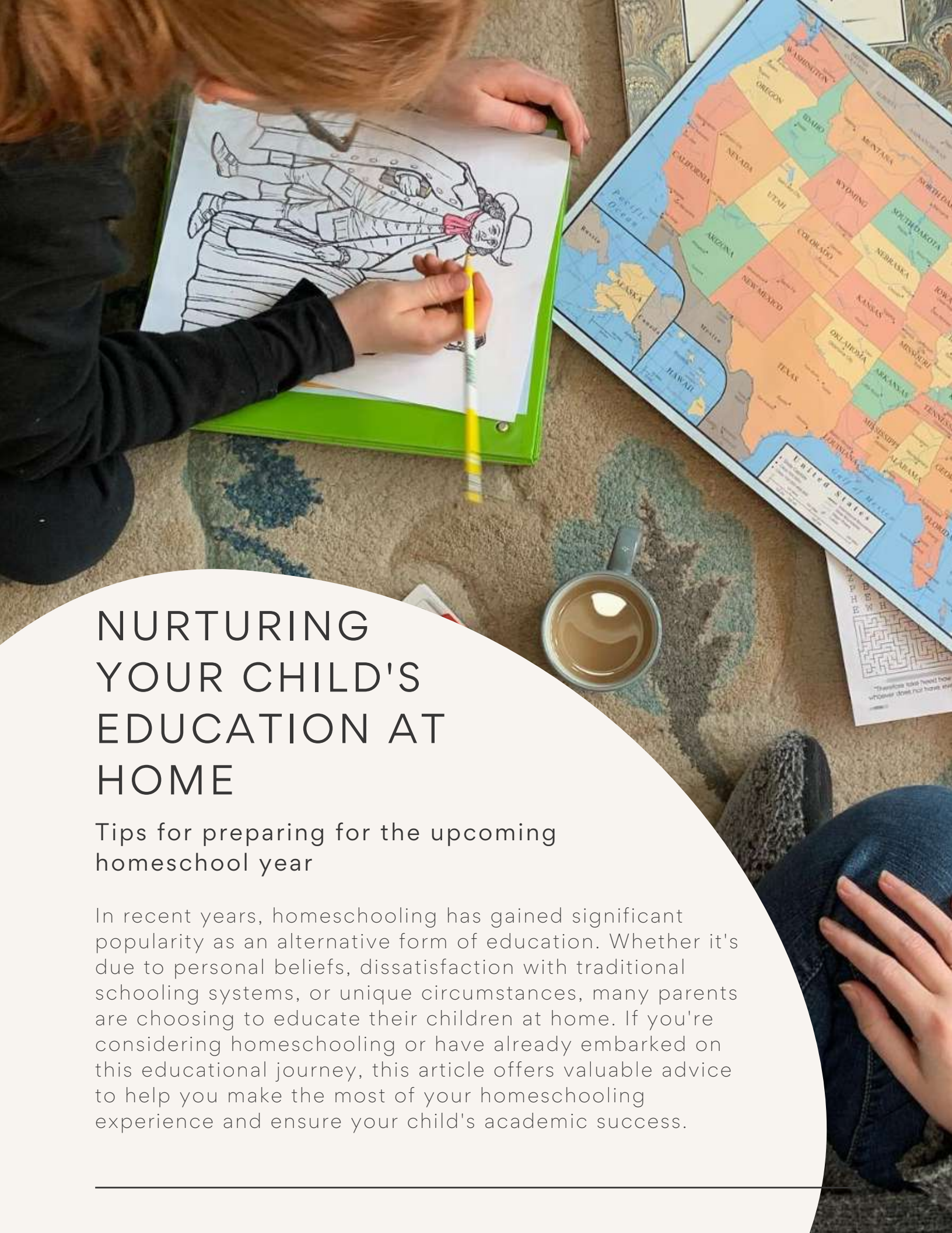


SUMMER SUMMER *summertime*

Summertime captivates us with its irresistible charm, offering a respite from the ordinary and a gateway to extraordinary experiences. It invites us to immerse ourselves in the beauty of nature, relish the pleasures of sun-kissed days, and connect with loved ones. With longer days and warmer temperatures, this time of the year offers a plethora of opportunities to unwind, explore, and create lasting memories.

The invigorating touch of the sun's rays encourages us to venture outdoors, basking in the natural beauty that surrounds us. It's a time when we can shed our winter layers and immerse ourselves in the simple pleasure of feeling the sun's gentle caress upon our skin.

Whether we find solace in the gentle sway of a hammock, embark on daring adventures, or simply savor the simple delights of a cold treat, summertime is a season that reminds us to embrace the present and revel in the magic that surrounds us. So, let us embrace the joys of summertime, as it gifts us moments of pure bliss and rejuvenation.

A top-down view of a child with red hair coloring a drawing of a cowboy in a notebook. The notebook is green and sits on a patterned rug. To the right is a map of the United States with state names labeled. Below the map is a mug of coffee. The scene is set on a patterned rug.

NURTURING YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION AT HOME

Tips for preparing for the upcoming
homeschool year

In recent years, homeschooling has gained significant popularity as an alternative form of education. Whether it's due to personal beliefs, dissatisfaction with traditional schooling systems, or unique circumstances, many parents are choosing to educate their children at home. If you're considering homeschooling or have already embarked on this educational journey, this article offers valuable advice to help you make the most of your homeschooling experience and ensure your child's academic success.

Develop a Rhythm

Homeschooling allows for flexibility over strict scheduling. This helps to maintain an order of importance and priorities for your family while helping your student learn to manage their time and responsibilities. Remember to recognize that each day will have certain aspects that mean a specific time schedule may not allow the needed flexibility for life's little interruptions.

Clearly define your homeschool needs

Identify the emotional, social, and academic needs for each subject for your learners. Don't forget about your own needs as the homeschool parent. Use those lists to determine which resources are best for your family. It can be easy to get drawn into a curriculum, app, or program just because it is well advertised or recommended by someone you know who may have different needs than your family, but take time to cross check those resources with your family's needs. Ask yourself how does this fill the needs and fit with the things that already work for our family?

Create a Dedicated Resource Space:

Designate a specific area in your home as a dedicated resource space that is relaxing and yet conducive for learning. Whether it's a separate room or a corner in the living room, ensure it's free from distractions and has all the necessary materials readily available.



Utilize a Variety of Teaching Methods:

Sometime less is more. When gathering resources. It can be easy to overestimate what can be accomplished in a day. Experiment with various teaching methods and resources to find what works best for your child. Incorporate a mix of textbooks, online courses, educational games, and hands-on activities to keep the learning experience engaging and dynamic.

Foster Curiosity and Independent Learning:

Encourage your children to pursue their interests and develop a love for learning. Provide opportunities for interest based learning, projects, and exploration. Incorporate field trips, visits to museums, and hands-on experiments that fit with students interest.

Prioritize Socialization:

While homeschooling provides a personalized educational experience, it's important to prioritize socialization. Arrange regular playdates, join homeschooling groups, and participate in community activities to ensure your child has ample opportunities to interact with peers and develop important social skills.



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Connect with Local Homeschooling Communities:

Reach out to local homeschooling communities and connect with other parents who have embarked on a similar journey. These communities often offer valuable resources, support, and socialization opportunities for both children and parents. Attend homeschooling events, join online forums, and participate in co-op activities to create a sense of belonging and shared experiences.

Adapt and Flexibility:

Remember that homeschooling allows for flexibility, so don't be afraid to adapt your approach as needed. Every child has unique learning needs, and you may need to modify your curriculum or teaching methods to better suit their individuality. Embrace this flexibility and view it as an advantage of homeschooling.

Stay Organized and Document Progress:

Be sure to check out hsllda.org and become familiar with your states homeschooling requirements. Maintain a record of your child's progress, assignments, and achievements. Do this in a way that works for you, and consider your personality. Is it best for you to document with photos, a spreadsheet, a collection of works, a planner or some other creative collection of these resources? Doing this will help you track their academic growth.

Take Care of Yourself:

Lastly, don't forget to take care of yourself as a homeschooling parent. Balancing the roles of parent and educator can be demanding, so prioritize self-care and find time for activities that rejuvenate you. Remember that your well-being and mental health directly impact your ability to create a nurturing and effective learning environment for your children.

Remember, these tips are just a suggestion. Homeschooling is unique to each family. Not everything works for everyone. Take your time and remember to stay flexible, seek support from homeschooling communities, and enjoy the journey of educating your children at home.

Learning to Use Herbs

by krystle willmore

There's an herbalist saying "The herbs you need will grow around you". This was especially true for my family! One of the first herbs we learned about was plantain, not the banana looking plant, but the "weed" that most people try to get rid of. Plantain is best used for cuts, scrapes, rashes, stings, and more. It's the perfect summertime plant and we use it a lot. Which is why I am so grateful that it grows all over my yard! We had learned that the best way to use plantain was a spit poultice. This involves tearing off a clean leaf, putting it in your mouth, chewing it, and then spitting it out and placing it on the affected area. This simple remedy is a perfect way to introduce yourself and your kids into learning about herbs because it can be administered anytime it's needed. After teaching my kids about herbs the past 3 years (and currently working on my certification course to become a registered herbalist) here are suggestions I have for getting started:

-Pick an herb you are already familiar with and learn about its medicinal properties.

-Look up recipes to find one that resonates with you and start to incorporate it into your life.





Herbalism is really that simple but a few things to remember:

- Never harvest any herb unless you are 100% certain you know what it is. Many herbs have look-alikes that can be harmful if eaten. Make sure you look up photos and compare.

- Only harvest in areas where you know they don't spray harmful chemicals or it's been a minimum of 3 years since it's been sprayed.

- Follow the Honorable Harvest

- Identify an herb by its leaves, stem, flowers (if applicable), roots, scent, and touch. Lemon Balm and Catnip look almost identical to each other, but through touch and smell you can differentiate between the two.



Herbs are really the first medicine of the earth, every culture used them and 80% of the world still uses herbs as their primary medicine. So although it may seem like we are the odd ones for trying to learn more and use them, we aren't. Every single person's ancestors used herbs as their medicine and when you use herbal medicine as well, you are connecting to your ancestors!

You can find out more about Krystle by following her on Instagram @onthegreenmeadows



The Honorable Harvest

**Know the ways of the ones who take care of you,
so that you may take care of them.**

**Introduce yourself. Be accountable as the one
who comes asking for life.**

Ask permission before taking.

Abide by the answer.

Never take the first. Never take the last.

Take only what you need.

Take only that which is given.

Never take more than half.

Leave some for others.

Harvest in a way that minimizes harm.

Use it respectfully.

Never waste what you have taken.

Share.

Give thanks for what you have been given.

Give a gift, in reciprocity

for what you have taken.

**Sustain the ones who sustain you
and the earth will last forever.**

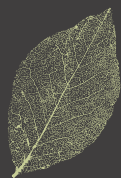
CREATE

outside

*DIY Nature Crafts to
Inspire Creativity*

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In a world dominated by technology, it's easy to forget the beauty and wonders that nature has to offer. Thankfully, there is a growing trend towards reconnecting with the outdoors and incorporating natural elements into our everyday lives. DIY nature crafts provide an excellent opportunity to merge our love for creativity with the marvels of the natural world. By incorporating natural elements into our crafts, we bring a touch of the outdoors into our homes and lives. The possibilities are endless, limited only by our imagination. So, let's embark on a journey of imagination and explore some delightful nature-inspired crafts that you can easily create in the comfort of your own home, and let nature inspire your artistic endeavors.





01

Pressed Flower Art

Pressed flower art is a timeless craft that allows you to preserve the ephemeral beauty of flowers. Begin by gathering an assortment of colorful flowers and leaves, ensuring they are fully dry. Place them between the pages of a heavy book, making sure they are spread out and not overlapping. Leave them pressed for a few weeks until they are completely dry. Once ready, arrange the pressed flowers and leaves on a piece of paper or cardstock, and use a clear-drying adhesive to affix them. Frame your creation and enjoy a stunning piece of nature's artwork.



03

Leaf Printing

Unleash your creativity with leaf printing, a craft that celebrates the intricate patterns found in nature. Collect leaves of different shapes and sizes from your garden or a nearby park. Place a leaf on a flat surface and apply a thin layer of acrylic or fabric paint on the underside. Gently press the leaf onto a piece of paper, fabric, or even a canvas to transfer the natural pattern. Experiment with various colors and leaf combinations to create unique and captivating designs

Pinecone Bird Feeders

02



Bring the birds to your backyard with a simple and eco-friendly pinecone bird feeder. Start by collecting pinecones of varying sizes. Tie a piece of string or twine around the top of each pinecone, leaving enough length to hang it. Then, spread a generous layer of peanut butter or suet onto the pinecone's scales. Roll the sticky pinecone in birdseed until it is well coated. Hang your bird feeders from tree branches, and watch as feathered friends visit for a tasty treat.



04

Stone Painting

Turn ordinary rocks into miniature works of art through stone painting. Select smooth stones of different shapes and sizes. Clean and dry them thoroughly before applying a base coat of white acrylic paint. Once the base coat is dry, use acrylic paints or permanent markers to create vibrant designs. Let your imagination run wild by painting animals, mandalas, inspirational quotes, or abstract patterns. Seal your painted stones with clear varnish for long-lasting beauty, and place them in your garden or use them as paperweights



05

Natural Dyeing



Transform plain fabrics or yarn into works of art by exploring the world of natural dyeing. Start by gathering natural dye materials such as onion skins, berries, or flowers with vibrant pigments. Simmer the dye materials in water and strain the liquid to create a dye bath. Immerse your fabric or yarn in the dye bath, allowing it to soak and absorb the natural colors. With experimentation, you can achieve a range of hues, creating unique and eco-friendly textile creations.

photos: cari schawo

making friends

Building Meaningful Connections at Mighty Roots



Our friends at Mighty Roots Academy enrich our lives by adding depth, color, and beautiful memories. Building meaningful friendships is a rewarding journey. Here at Mighty Roots, we find friends who accept us for who we are, support us through thick and thin, and bring joy to our lives.

Through meaningful conversations, laughter, and shared experiences, our friends uplift our spirits and contribute to a sense of purpose and fulfillment. The friendships made here provide opportunities for self-discovery and personal growth. Having friends who believe in us, offer guidance, and lend a helping hand can make a world of difference in overcoming challenges we may face.

We cherish and celebrate the friends in our life, and know that being open to forging new connections can bring immeasurable joy and fulfillment. Friendship is a lifelong journey, offering companionship that transcends time and distance.

The bonds of friendship made at Mighty Roots can span across years or even continents, reminding us that we are never alone on our life's path.

"Friendship is a fundamental aspect of human life that brings joy, support, and a sense of belonging."



"Summertime
is always the
best of what
might be."

– Charles Bowden





Annie JR.

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cari schawo

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Our musical theater students took the stage at Mighty Roots this past May, and captivated their audience with an uplifting performance of Annie Jr.

Our students have worked tirelessly for months preparing for this show. Every part of it, from the sound setup, props and set design was all student run.

We are amazed and proud of their hard work and efforts as they pursued their passion of the stage this year!



MISS HANNIGAN



OUR BACKSTAGE & SOUND CREW



MRS. PUGH

HARD KNOCK LIFE

THE ORPHANS





JULY THE ORPHAN



GRACE AND MISS HANNIGAN



NEW YORK CITY CITIZENS



RADIO STATION SCENE



OUR SOUND OPERATOR



OFFICER WARD



ANNIE



LILY, ROOSTER & MISS HANNIGAN

THE
SUN
WILL
COME
OUT
TOMORROW



ANNIE & WARBUCKS

FINALE





The flavors

of

Summer

Summer is a time to indulge in the wonders of nature, and what better way to celebrate the season than by incorporating its vibrant flavors into our meals? From vibrant fruits and vegetables to fragrant herbs and edible flowers, nature offers a treasure trove of ingredients that can elevate your summer recipes to new heights.

Whether you're planning a backyard barbecue, a picnic in the park, or simply want to enjoy the season's finest flavors, these summer nature recipes are sure to delight your taste buds and celebrate the beauty of the great outdoors.

Cheers to a delicious and memorable summer!

Bountiful Berry Salad:



Ingredients:

- 2 cups mixed berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, etc.)
- 1 cup baby spinach leaves
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta or blue cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- Fresh mint leaves for garnish

Instructions:

- Wash and drain the berries and spinach leaves.
- In a salad bowl, combine the berries and spinach leaves.
- Sprinkle crumbled cheese and chopped walnuts over the salad.
- Garnish with fresh mint leaves.
- Toss gently and serve as a refreshing side dish or light lunch option.



Grilled Vegetable Skewers:



Ingredients:

- Assorted vegetables (bell peppers, zucchini, cherry tomatoes, red onions, etc.)
- Olive oil
- Fresh herbs (thyme, rosemary, basil)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions:

- Preheat the grill to medium-high heat.
- Cut the vegetables into bite-sized pieces.
- Thread the vegetables onto skewers, alternating between different types for a colorful presentation.
- Drizzle olive oil over the skewers and sprinkle with fresh herbs, salt, and pepper.
- Grill the skewers for about 10-15 minutes, turning occasionally until the vegetables are lightly charred and tender.
- Remove from the grill and serve as a delightful side dish or as a vegetarian main course.



Refreshing Lavender Lemonade:

Ingredients:

- 4 cups water
- 1 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1/2 cup honey or agave syrup
- 2-3 tablespoons dried lavender buds
- Ice cubes
- Fresh lavender sprigs for garnish (optional)

Instructions:

- In a saucepan, combine water and honey (or agave syrup) and bring to a gentle simmer.
- Add the dried lavender buds and let it steep for 15-20 minutes.
- Strain the mixture to remove the lavender buds.
- Pour the lavender-infused liquid into a pitcher and let it cool.
- Add freshly squeezed lemon juice to the pitcher and stir well.
- Chill in the refrigerator.
- When ready to serve, pour the lavender lemonade over ice cubes and garnish with fresh lavender sprigs.



Grilled Peach Salad:

Ingredients:

- Ripe peaches
- Lettuce mix
- Goat cheese
- Toasted almonds
- Balsamic vinaigrette

Instructions:

- Cut the peaches in half, remove the pits, and brush them with olive oil.
- Grill the peaches over medium heat until grill marks appear, about 2-3 minutes per side.
- Allow the peaches to cool slightly, then slice them.
- In a large bowl, combine arugula, grilled peach slices, crumbled goat cheese, and toasted almonds.
- Drizzle with balsamic vinaigrette and toss gently.
- Enjoy this light and refreshing salad that balances the sweetness of peaches with the tanginess of goat cheese.





Grilled Corn with Chili Lime Butter:

Ingredients:

- 4 ears of corn, husked
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- Zest of 1 lime
- Juice of 1 lime
- Salt to taste

Instructions:

Preheat the grill to medium-high heat. In a small bowl, combine the softened butter, chili powder, lime zest, lime juice, and salt. Mix well. Grill the corn until lightly charred, turning occasionally. Remove from the grill and immediately brush with the chili lime butter. Serve hot. This recipe adds a zesty and spicy twist to the classic grilled corn, making it an irresistible summer side dish..

Watermelon and Feta Salad:


Ingredients:

- 4 cups diced watermelon
- 1 cup crumbled feta cheese
- 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves, torn
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons balsamic glaze
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions:

Combine the watermelon, feta cheese, and mint leaves in a large bowl. Drizzle with olive oil and balsamic glaze. Season with salt and pepper, toss gently, and serve chilled. This refreshing salad perfectly balances the sweetness of watermelon with the saltiness of feta, creating a delightful summer treat.





"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time."

—John Lubbock



KRYSTLE WILLMORE

LEARNING GUIDE AT
MIGHTY ROOTS ACADEMY

Meet one of our Mighty Roots Academy Learning Guides, Krystle Willmore! In 2019 she started leading our theater program at Mighty Roots. Then, in 2021 she expanded to lead theater during Creative Options on Wednesdays. This past year she lead theater, young performers, and dance. Next year she plans to add outdoor skills on Discover Days, continue with Theater, actor’s studio, set design, and dance on creative options days.

When asked what inspired her to get into theater Krystle replied, "I had quite an imagination as a kid and acting was enticing to me because you got to dress up and pretend to be someone else. I starting drama classes in middle school and loved it. In high school I continued drama, but realized I didn’t love acting on stage in starring roles as much and preferred ensemble roles. My senior year of high school they started a new class called set design and I realized I had a lot more fun in that class. That’s when I became a backstage hand for the first time and that’s when I found my happy place! In college I continued drama classes but always found myself working backstage somehow. I’ve pretty much done everything in theater tech except run a spotlight."

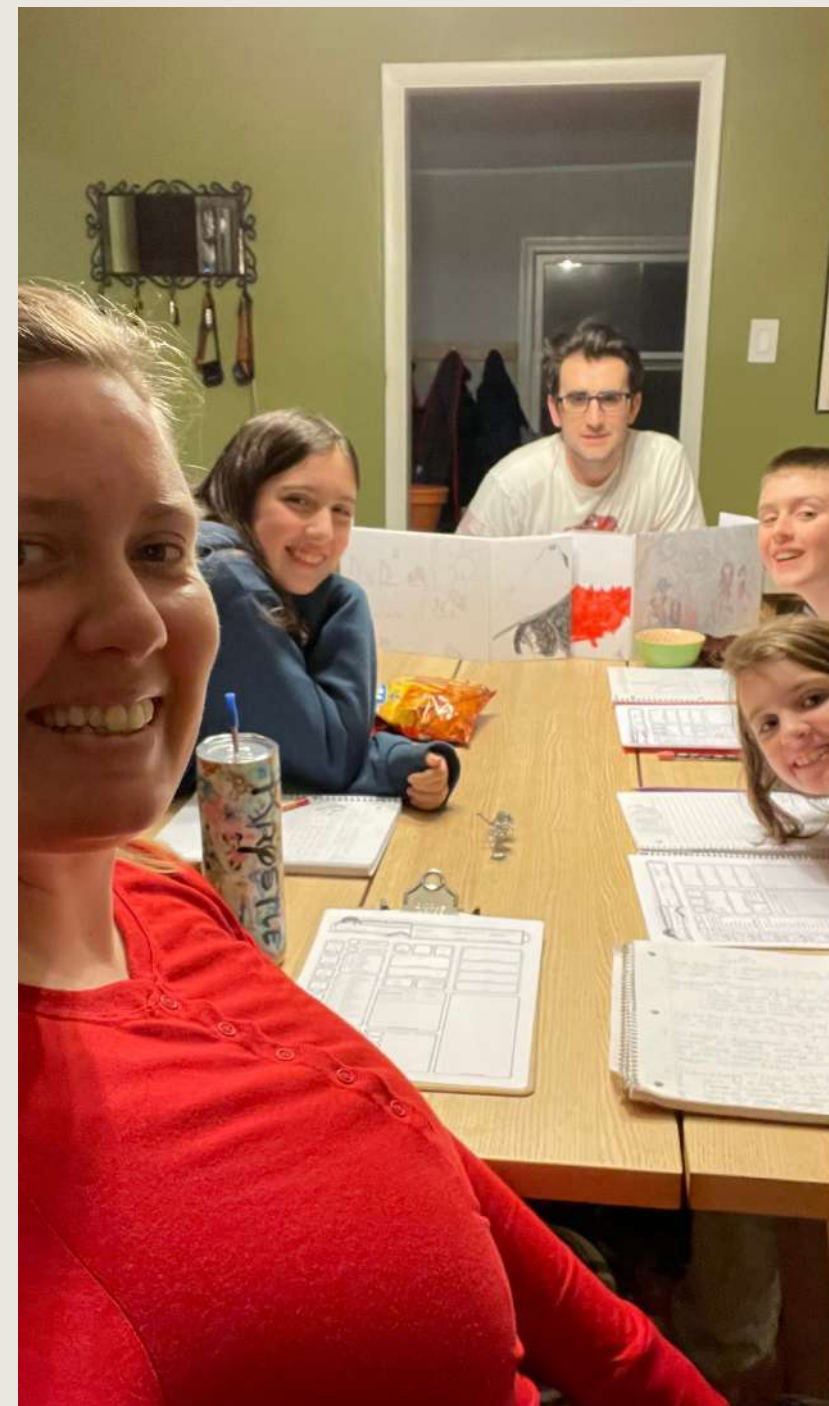


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Meet Our Learning Guide Continued



"In January 2019 the theater group at Mighty Roots Academy was doing a performance and sent out an open invitation for other homeschoolers to join. I hadn't done any theater since college and wanted to share a passion of mine with my kids so we joined. It was then that I heard about the creation of Mighty Roots Academy and was offered a position to lead theater when the academy opened up."

When asked what she loved best about leading students at Mighty Roots Krystle replied, "I love that I get to be involved and guide others in what I am passionate about. I also love how much we get to be outdoors. Nature connection is another passion of mine so I'm really happy when I get to combine both of my passions!"

Before her oldest would enter kindergarten, she felt drawn into homeschooling after feeling multiple promptings from the Holy Spirit and after reading a book called *Last Child in the Woods* by Richard Louv. "I was reading it for the importance and how-to of getting kids in nature. While reading I kept thinking about how my kids would be stuck inside a class most of their day and that thought made me sad. I wanted my kids to have daily access to being outside for as many hours as they wanted. Since I figured kindergarten couldn't be too hard to teach we decided to try homeschooling. Two months into it and we knew this was the educational and lifestyle route for us!"

(continued)

**“NEVER BE WITHIN DOORS
WHEN YOU CAN RIGHTLY BE
WITHOUT.”**

-Charlotte Mason

"Before Mighty Roots Academy, my biggest challenges were doing the subjects you'd need a group for, like theater for instance. That was one thing public school had to offer that I couldn't. So Mighty Roots filled that gap for us!"

"For those of you interested in theater and you're nervous about auditioning for a play, start off with memorizing and imitating scenes from a movie you enjoy. Try imitating different people by studying their accent, how they walk, what mannerisms they have. Think about the actors that seem unrecognizable in different movies, it's usually because they can create or imitate different characters. Film yourself trying new characters and watch it back to see how you've done. This will help you to become more comfortable on stage as well."

One piece of advice she would give to a family just starting out on their own homeschool journey is, "Don't start buying curriculum. Decide what the priorities are for your family and create your homeschool lifestyle from there. Then you'll find curriculum that will supplement your homeschool rather than your homeschool supplementing your curriculum. The most important thing however is to continue to get your kids outdoors and do not let higher grades and core work become more important than their time in nature."



Krystle is the Musical Director and a Learning Guide at Mighty Roots Academy. You can follow her @onthegreenmeadows

camping

With Your Kids

Creating
Lasting
Outdoor
Adventures



Essential Tips for Camping with Your Kids

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ryanne langer

Camping with your kids can be a memorable and rewarding experience for the whole family. It offers an opportunity to connect with nature, unplug from technology, and create lasting memories. However, it requires some extra planning and preparation to ensure everyone stays safe, comfortable, and entertained. Whether you're a seasoned camper or embarking on your first outdoor adventure, these essential tips will help you make the most of your camping trip with kids.



01 Choose a Family-Friendly Campground

When selecting a campground, consider its amenities and facilities that cater to families with children. Look for campsites with playgrounds, swimming areas, nature trails, and clean restroom facilities. Research reviews and seek recommendations to find a campground that is known for its child-friendly environment.

03 Involve Kids in the Planning Process

Make children feel involved by including them in the planning and decision-making process. Let them choose the campsite, decide on activities, and contribute to meal planning. This will build excitement and anticipation, making them more enthusiastic about the camping experience.

02 Plan Activities and Pack Entertainment

To keep your kids engaged and entertained, plan a variety of outdoor activities suitable for their age group. These may include hiking, nature scavenger hunts, fishing, stargazing, or storytelling around the campfire. Also, don't forget to pack toys, games, books, and art supplies to keep them occupied during downtime or inclement weather.

04 Practice Camping at Home

Before heading out, set up a backyard camping experience to familiarize your children with sleeping in a tent. This will help them adjust to the new environment and reduce anxiety. It's also an excellent opportunity to test your camping gear and ensure everything is working properly.



05 Pack Essential Camping Gear

Ensure you have the necessary camping gear to accommodate your kids comfortably. Along with tents, sleeping bags, and camping chairs, pack extra blankets, pillows, and clothes suitable for changing weather conditions. Don't forget to bring insect repellent, sunscreen, and a basic first-aid kit for any unexpected mishaps.

06 Emphasize Safety Precautions

Camping safety should be a priority when camping with children. Teach your kids basic outdoor safety rules, such as staying close to the campsite, avoiding unknown plants and animals, and proper fire safety. Establish boundaries and ensure they know how to reach you or a designated meeting spot if they get lost.



07 Keep Meals Simple and Kid-Friendly

When it comes to meals, opt for simple and kid-friendly dishes. Prepare easy-to-cook meals such as hot dogs, grilled sandwiches, or foil-wrapped meals. Involve your children in meal preparation, giving them small tasks to make them feel engaged. Don't forget to pack plenty of snacks and drinks to keep their energy levels up throughout the day.



08 Embrace the Unpredictable

Camping with kids can be unpredictable, and it's essential to maintain a flexible mindset. Be prepared for unexpected weather changes, temperamental moods, and occasional setbacks. Embrace the spontaneity and use these moments as opportunities to teach resilience and adaptability to your children.

09 Stay Hydrated and Sun-Safe

Ensure your children drink plenty of water throughout the day, especially during outdoor activities. Pack refillable water bottles and encourage them to drink regularly. Apply sunscreen generously and reapply as necessary to protect their skin when spending prolonged amounts of time in the sun. Additionally, consider using hats, sunglasses, and lightweight long-sleeved clothing to provide extra sun protection.

10 Capture the Memories

Camping trips with kids are a treasure trove of precious memories. Don't forget to bring a camera or use your smartphone to capture these special moments. Encourage your children to take photos as well, allowing them to document their camping experiences and create a personal keepsake.



“There is no Wi-fi in the forest,
but I promise, you will find a
much better connection.”



HOT SUMMER DAYS

by jenni mullinix

LOCAL PLACES TO COOL OFF AND KEEP YOUR KIDS ENGAGED

While summer is a wonderful time to spend extra hours outside, some days we need a break from the heat and humidity.

Am I right?!

Check out these fun and FREE local places where your family can enjoy a walk or hike outdoors and also explore nature in the air conditioning.

MISSOURI

LAKESIDE NATURE CENTER

4701 E Gregory Blvd, Kansas City
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 9am-4pm



BURR OAK WOODS NATURE CENTER

1401 NW Park Rd, Blue Springs
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 8am-5pm



ANITA B. GORMAN DISCOVERY CENTER

4750 Troost Ave, Kansas City
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 8am-5pm



MARTHA LAFITE THOMPSON NATURE SANCTUARY

407 N. La Frenz Rd., Liberty
Hours: Tuesday-Saturday 9am-5pm



DEWITT CENTER AT GEORGE OWENS NATURE PARK

1601 S. Speck Rd, Independence
Hours: Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-8pm, Saturday 8:30am-5pm, Sunday
Noon-5pm



KANSAS

PRAIRIE OAK NATURE CENTER

3640 Ironwoods Ct, Leawood
Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 1pm-5pm



ERNIE MILLER NATURE CENTER

909 N Highway 7, Olathe
Monday-Saturday 9am-4:30pm, Sunday 1pm-4:30pm



SUMMER Bucket

Summer is a great time to take learning outside. A summer bucket list is a great place to start. It is a great way to get your children involved and curious about learning outdoors. Here are some ideas to get you started.

List

by
cari schawo

READ UNDER THE STARS

Bonfire & s'mores

Build a fort

visit a new park

Play in the rain

Bike rides

paint rocks

SWIM

Go on a picnic

Create a treasure map

Make mudpies

Journal

Go on a bug hunt

send a letter to a friend

Make friendship bracelets

outdoor movies



“By discovering
nature, you
discover
yourself.”

– Maxime Lagacé



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Our Mission

The mission of Mighty Roots Academy is to provide active, multiage learning in a nature-rich environment.

Our Philosophy

At Mighty Roots Academy, we believe it is most important to develop the skills of independent learning that equip students for a lifetime of inquiry and growth. A true education builds the skills needed for becoming a lifelong learner. We believe that students benefit most when skill-building is the focus, no matter the subject.



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