

# How to Survive and Thrive This Summer: Tips From Expert Homeschoolers

As an unprecedented school year comes to a close, parents are facing a summer with limited options for their kids outside the home. The nation's largest homeschool community [Classical Conversations](#), offers tried and tested ways to survive and thrive through the summer as a family.

- 1 30 minutes of math during the hottest part of the day – drill flashcards or play math games from [Quick Flip Arithmetic](#) by Classical Conversations MultiMedia (CCMM).
- 2 Read aloud (readers can take turns) from [Old World Echoes](#) by CCMM. This includes poetry and excellent short stories for the whole family.
- 3 Play story making games using [Story Cubes](#).
- 4 Camp out in the backyard, sleeping under the stars and drawing the constellations you see. Watch the stars for several weeks and see how the night sky changes over the summer.
- 5 Using nothing other than what you find in the yard, make little figures and video them acting out a story. Learn how to video edit.
- 6 Learn how to sew, whittle or some other hand-craft (boys and girls).
- 7 Go bug hunting during the cool part of the day and record what bugs you find (drawing them). Go to the same place day after day and see if you notice a pattern.
- 8 Everyone in the family gets to choose a family activity that the rest of the family has to participate in – from the smallest person to the oldest.
- 9 Play tic-tac-toe with water and paint brushes on the fence.
- 10 Watch the sunset and paint it with water colors.
- 11 Pretend to be a cartographer and make maps of favorite bike routes in your neighborhood or city.
- 12 Reproduce a famous painting on the sidewalk or driveway using sidewalk chalk.
- 13 Read aloud [The Wingfeather Saga](#).