Summer School at Home Parent Guide

Summer break is for FUN! But who says we can’t learn a thing or two while we’re having fun?

The Summer School at Home Toolbox is overflowing with incredibly great tools for your family to use all summer long as you read, explore, learn, and have fun together!

Get ready. You’re going to love making memories this way. You’ll probably all forget that you’re actually learning because what you’ll actually be doing is...

- going on picnics
- taking walks
- having a scavenger hunt at the park
- chilling at the library
- exploring at the museum, nature center, or zoo
- making treats in the kitchen
- playing with water
- creating crafts
- writing funny stories
- serving people in the community

Wait. This is Summer School?!

Yep. This is going to be your best summer ever and by the time school starts again in the fall, your kids won’t have backtracked on their learning. Instead, they’ll launch into a new school year with eyes and minds wide open, ready to share all they experienced over their break.

From 10-minute science experiments to 20-minute craft projects, time in the hammock reading a favorite book, and packing surprise picnics – your kids will beg for more Summer School instead of asking for time on their tablets.

Here are the packets you’ll discover tucked into this Toolbox:

- Cooking Corner
- Investigation Station
- Science Center
- Craft Kit
- Reading Nook
- Writing Tools
- Math Pack
What’s in each Packet?

You’ll unpack not one but FOUR amazing eBooklets in the **Cooking Corner**!

1. *Cooking and Baking Basics* guides your kids through the kitchen as they learn to read recipes, make grocery lists, make healthy choices, practice hospitality, and much more!
2. *Cookies are for Sharing* offers kids a tasty way to practice their baking skills while giving them the opportunity to share their cookies with others.
3. *Easy Summer Meals* gives you a night off as your kids learn to put together simple, tasty meals that are perfect for summer.
4. *Picnic in a Hat?* Well, you’ll just have to read it and see. Think outside the box as you discover 12 super fun ways to picnic as a family all summer long!
The **Craft Kit** includes delightful pages that detail easy crafts you and your family can put together, each with your own creative touch!

Make a Watermelon Wedge Craft to sync up with a Math Fractions Project. Create Clothespin Characters to depict your favorite story book characters. Put together Pipecleaner Rainbows as you simultaneously make a Rainbow in a Jar as a science experiment. And so much more... 😊

These crafts are simple and enjoyable, made with basic craft supplies you probably already have at home!
The **Investigation Station** packet offers suggestions for weekly outings and activities that help everyone explore some of their favorite subjects and discover new favorites too!

Go on some Scavenger Hunts, learn a new hobby, and learn new fun facts to share.

Everything you do can be educational – even if at first it “only” seems fun! Just when your kids thought they were heading to the zoo or museum to play, they’ll find that they’re a little bit smarter at the end of the day. Don’t tell them, though!

No wait! Math during the summer is as easy as...

- Practicing fractions while cooking or baking a new recipe
- Measuring water in a pool or tub outside, hoping you all “accidentally” get wet during the math lesson
- Learning about money and budgeting when you go to the store to buy food for a picnic, treat, or to help someone in need.
- Diving up cookies for a snack. No, really!

These math lessons are too good to be true. Go get a watermelon and let the fun begin!
Summers are for reading. In a hammock. At the pool. On the porch. In front of the air conditioner. All afternoon. In the evening.

Books. Everyone will enjoy the Reading Nook this summer!

Sometimes during the school year, students have to read what is assigned. But whatever your child’s reading level – those are the books they can read during the summer. Whatever your child’s interest – this is what they can enjoy during the summer!

The exciting activities included in this packet will make reading extra motivating and super fun. There might even be pizza involved.
Ah, the Science Center! Get out your ice cream ingredients. Turning liquids to a solid is science, am I right? (Thank you, ice cream, for teaching us this.)

You’ll also need shaving cream, food coloring, and potting soil. Vinegar, toothpicks, and hair spray. But maybe not all at the same time?! Either way, none of these experiments are complicated, and most of them involve items you already have around the house!

As an added bonus, not only will you enjoy some fun science experiments, you can connect what you learn to serving, crafting, cooking, reading, and more.
Serving Suggestions – the reason for all of this!

We can learn all the math and science in the world, but if we haven’t learned to love and serve people, knowledge is nothing.

This sweet packet offers wonderful suggestions for ways to serve people while you’re learning. There’s no better way to spend summer hours than by using energy to show care to people around us.

Better yet, you can serve while practicing great life skills. Cook for someone, go to the nursing home to read with someone, or learn more about gardening while helping someone in their yard. It’s all a win-win-win!
Writing isn’t boring or difficult when you do it this way with these Writing Tools!

Did you have a fun summer day outing? Journal about it so you won’t forget the details. Do you plan to make cards or write encouragement letters to people as prompted in the Serving Suggestions packet? Well look at that. You practiced your writing skills!

Laugh until you cry over some Summer Mad Libs – there’s truly no better way to be creative as you think of adjectives.

Perhaps your kids will become authors this summer? Crazier things have happened!
Pocket Folder Printables is a perfect way to provide your kids with some quiet learning time. This is much more than just busy work!

We’ve provide hundreds of printables to slip into your kids’ folders – and yep – you’ll find something for all ages and abilities. There are no grade levels marked on these pages, so you can easily put appropriate-level work into folders for your kids that match their ability instead of their assigned grade level.

There’s more where these came from – wait until you read the additional fun ideas for what you can add to the folders!

Come get your Summer School at Home Toolbox!!

Become a Heavenly Homemakers Club Member to gain access to this and thousands of dollars worth of additional resources. (Our goal is to bless as many as possible with our small membership fee. You won’t believe all you get for this price.)

Once you’re a member, you can unpack your Summer School at Home Toolbox, which we believe will amaze you! Then, take a look around our Club Membership site to see all of the additional resources you just unlocked for yourself:
A sample of our eCurriculum:
Plus a peek at some of the eBooks we offer within our Club Membership:
There’s so much more where that came from, but we hope that these sample screen shots show you what all you’ll be able to use along with the incredible Summer School at Home eCurriculum we’re providing!

It’s all pretty awesome, and as simple as can be. You’ll just click on whatever you’re interested in – and it’ll be yours to use!
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