

Celebrate Back to School

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It's not always easy getting back into the homeschool routine after summer break but there are a few things you can do to make it run smoother:



- Have a celebratory attitude and make a special dessert together the first day
- Start out in the middle of the week with only half days
- Go on a fun field trip!
- Keep it light and hands-on for several days
- Wrap up a fun journal and gel pens. Let your children open it and write down specific educational goals for the school year, include personal goals and bucket list dreams!
- Make a poster size calendar where each child can draw a picture of their upcoming activities for the month
- Start an awards project with gaining stickers for good attitudes-reward with a pizza and movie night on Fridays
- Making special breakfast all week. Each person can take turns helping and coming up with a favorite meal. Think easy, cinnamon rolls or French toast casserole you can make the night before.
- Take a photo in new school clothes
- Start a new read aloud book about adventure
- Measure everyone's height and mark it in a special spot

Have a **Back to School Party** with friends and make a fun poster!



Brainstorm with your children all the things they look forward to when starting a new school year. Then make a special poster to hang in a high visual area to keep those things in mind. Join with another family and makes several together!

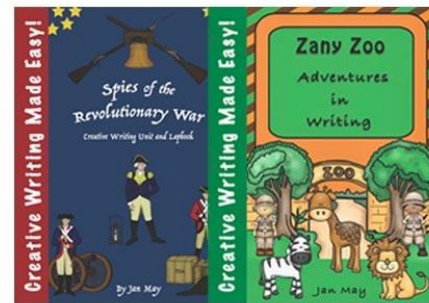
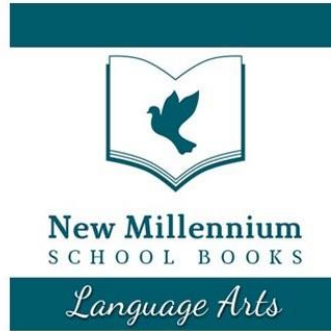
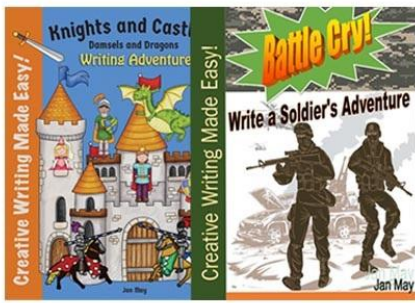
Purchase fall shaped cut outs, such as apples, leaves or school houses. These can be found inexpensively at the local dollar store. Have the children write down their brainstorming ideas on the fall cutouts and decorate them with stickers or markers.



Glue them onto the poster. Some good ideas to include are:

- Reading your favorite books
- Learning about favorite places
- Art Projects
- Learning about nature and science
- Hot apple cider
- Field trips
- Co-ops
- Friend days
- Sports and extracurricular events
- Taco Tuesdays!
- Bon fires

Back to school can be a smooth transition when you add in fun activities! And it helps to take the stress off of the teacher too!



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