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# Welcome!

I can't wait for you to read all the awesome articles in this ezine! There are great deals on homeschool resources and an amazing Summer reading guide, so your kids can be entertained all Summer long!

*Amelia!*

Editor



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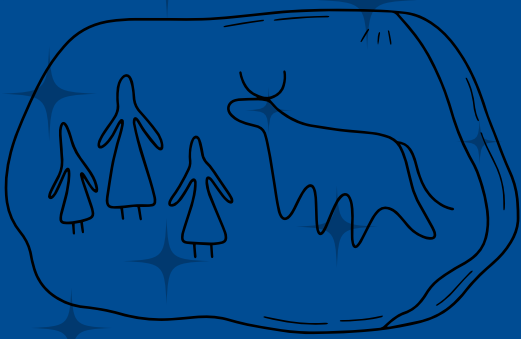


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*Plants to Forage*

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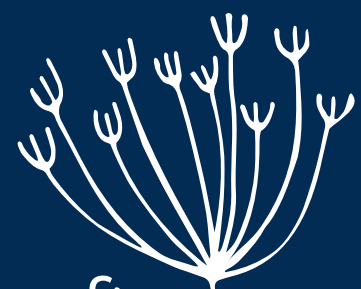
## 10 EASY SUMMER

# Plants To Forage With Kids

By Deirdre Skipper of Kindling Wild

We may be closing up the books for summer, but do homeschoolers ever stop learning? Never! In summer, we simply take our learning outside and on the road even more than usual.

Playing in nature allows for a plethora of opportunities to do multidisciplinary learning as a family. One incredible way to do this is through foraging.



# Plants To Forage With Kids



## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TEACHING FORAGING?

**Through foraging, your kids can gain understanding of the seasons, recognize patterns in plant growth, and become more attuned to the environment they live in.**

**They can learn more about nutrition, the earth, and some survival skills to boot while bonding with family and connecting with nature.**

Foraging is a way to reconnect with nature, explore local ecosystems, and discover the abundance of edible plants that surround us.






# Plants To Forage With Kids



## START WITH THE EASY ONES


To start out with foraging, select easy-to-identify plants that are native to your area.

**Common weeds such as dandelion and plantain, wild edible berries like blackberry, raspberry, and strawberry, and edible flowers such as violets and yarrow can all be easily found, identified and used even by novice foragers.**



## WHAT YOU NEED TO GET STARTED

**Teach kids about proper plant identification and safety guidelines when foraging. Don't forget to go equipped with gloves, a foraging basket, local field guides and maybe even a helpful plant identification app.**



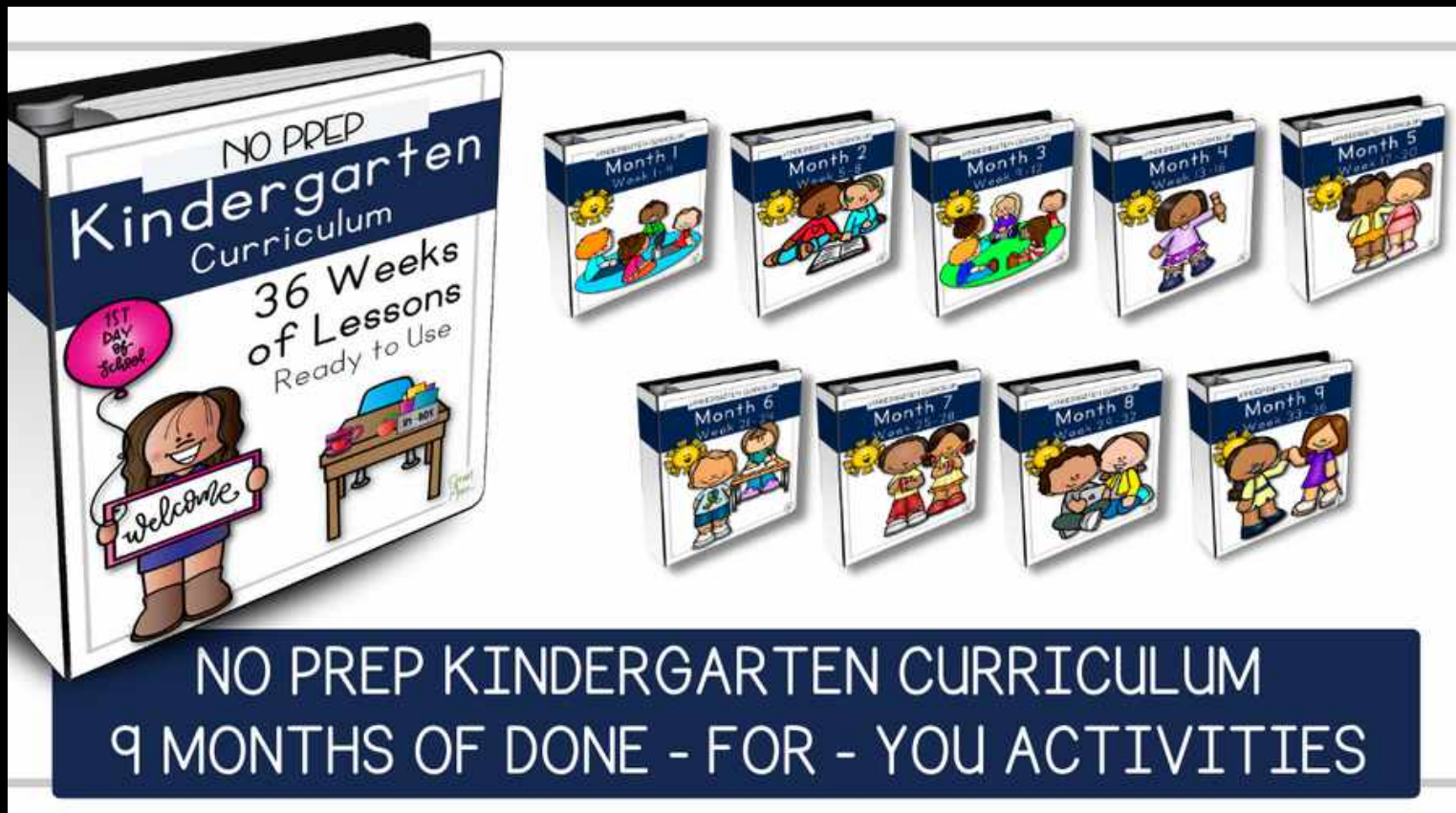
I hope you enjoy harvesting some of nature's bounty with your kids this summer!

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*Get & keep  
your kids  
interested in  
learning  
about music*



**DEVELOP & ENCOURAGE**

# *A Love of Music*

By León Olguín, At Home With Music

**How can you get your children interested in learning about music?  
How can you keep them interested when there are so many distractions out there?**

Music today is often seen as a consumable, produced by people in the “music business,” and designed to be as attractive as possible to the music buying public. (It used to be the “record buying public,”) but times have changed! Now it’s largely the “music streaming public.”

*Keep your kids interested in music!*

To actually learn about music, how it works, how anyone can make music and learn to truly appreciate it, takes some effort on the part of both the teacher and the student, but will result in a richer, fuller life.

## **CREATE A MUSICAL ENVIRONMENT**

Encourage your children to listen to music actively, rather than using it as background noise.

**Play music regularly. You can find age-appropriate songs for every stage of your child's life.**

Getting your children interested in learning about music can be an exciting and rewarding experience, but it can also be a challenge.

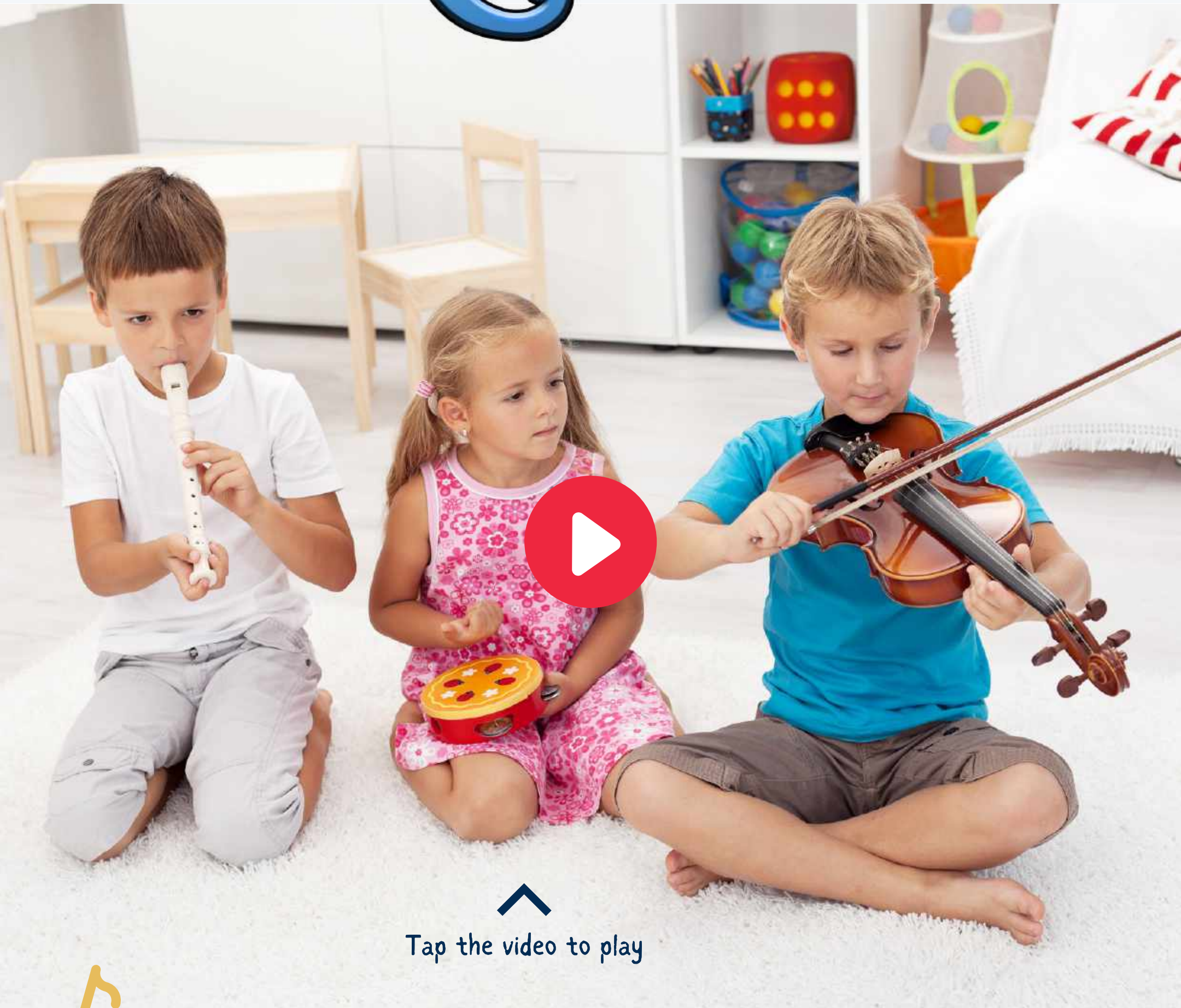
Remember that patience and a supportive attitude are key when introducing your children to the wide world of music.

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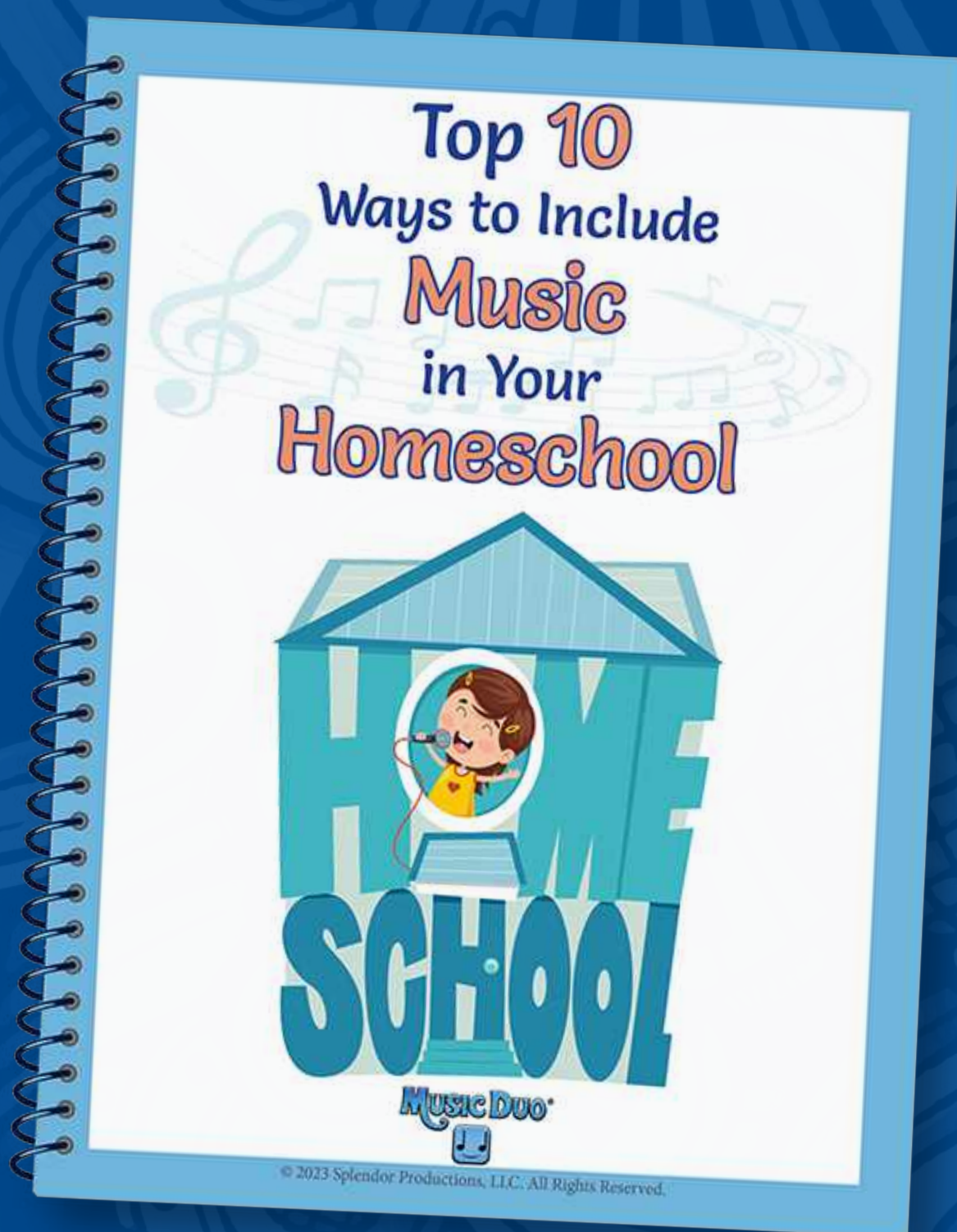


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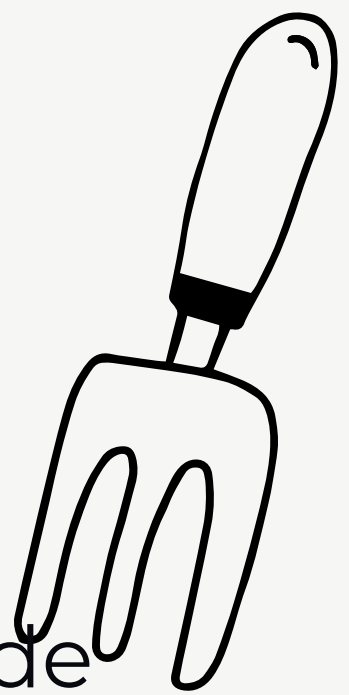
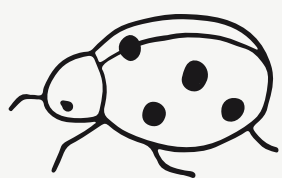
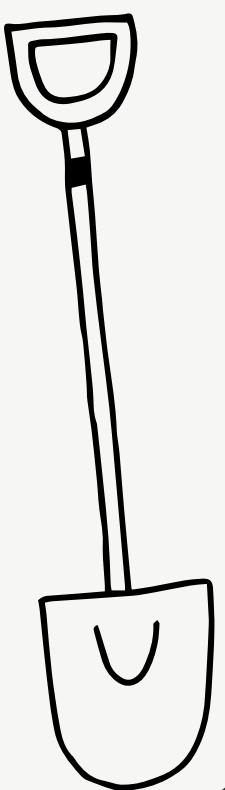
# Explore The Wild

LEARN WITH NATURE

By Sravya Kalli

In this article, we will talk about the benefits of outdoor exploration, in addition to examples and ways to support outdoor activities with homemade materials.

The outdoors can be anything outside your house, such as your yard, deck, balcony, and parks.





# Outdoor Exploration

## BENEFITS OF OUTDOOR PLAY:

- Helps with big emotions & burn energy
- Builds imagination
- Provides several ways to be creative
- Promotes strong physical and mental health

When you allow kids to play outside, especially in a natural setting, they learn to explore without the need for adults to push them to do something.

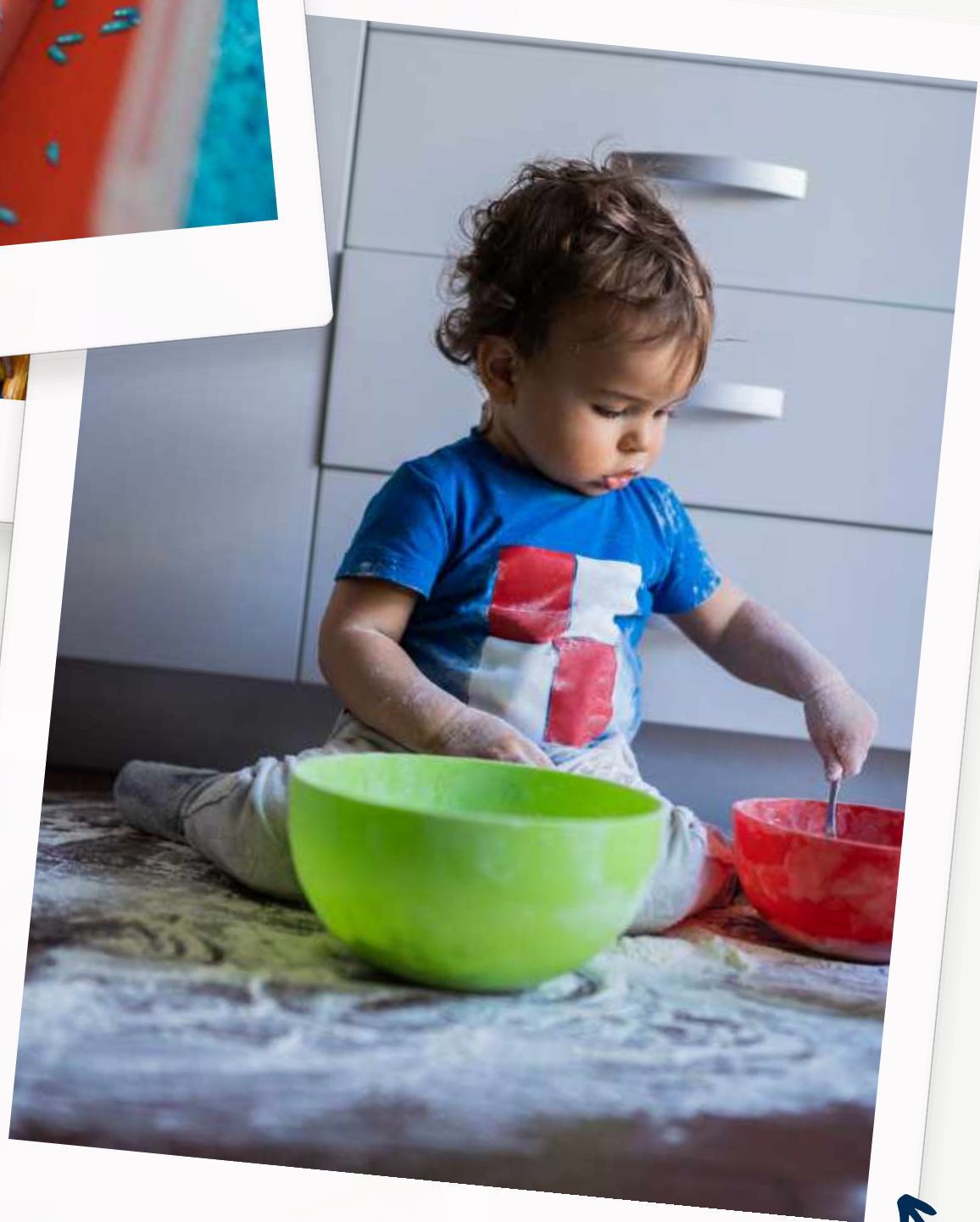
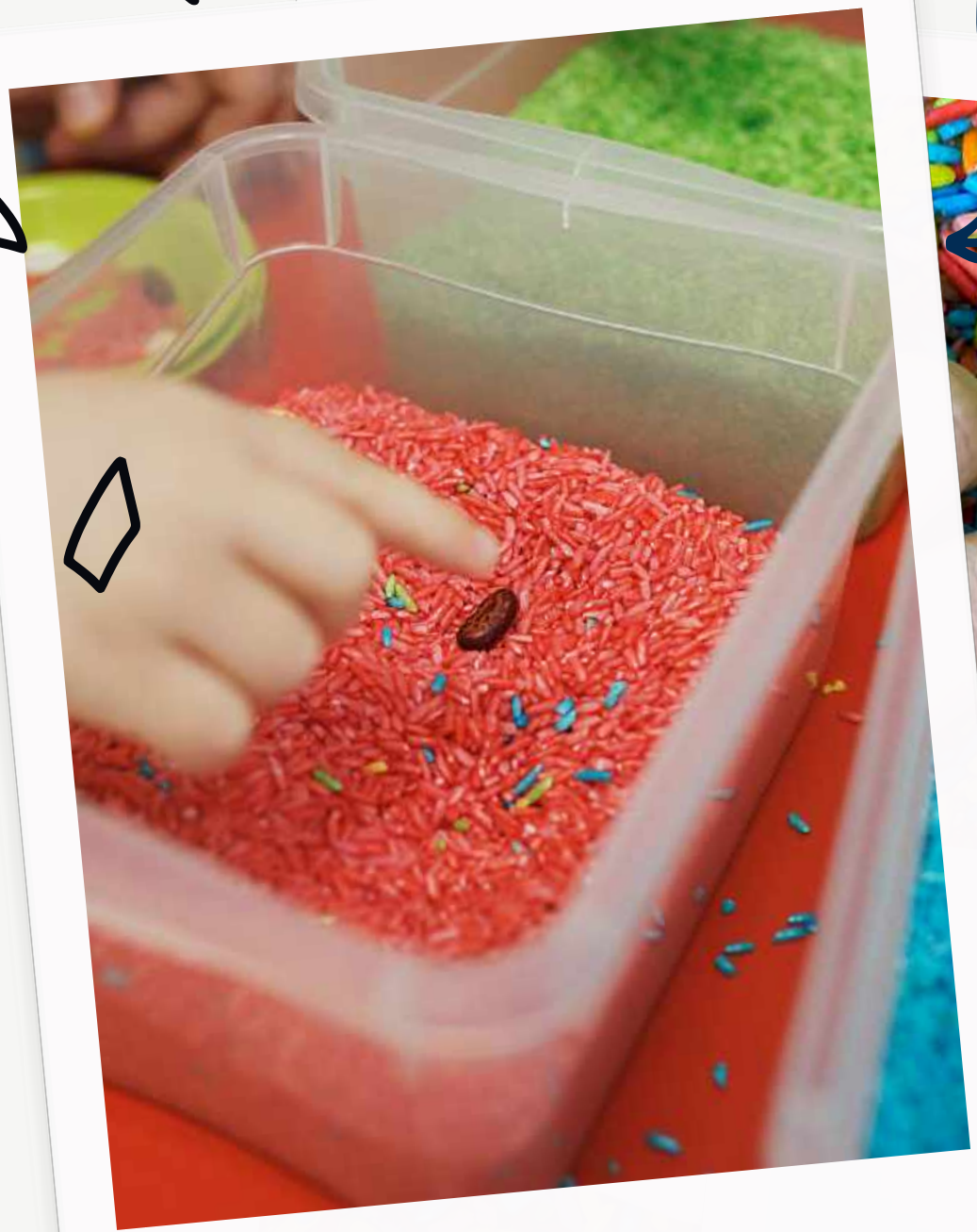
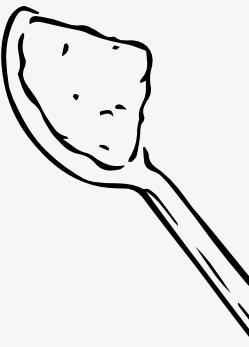
They also learn to respect flora and fauna and experience a sense of responsibility.

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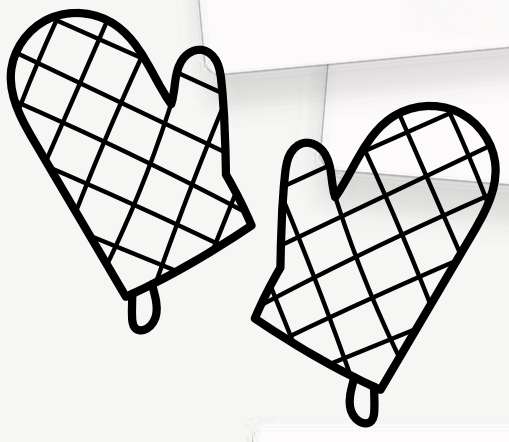
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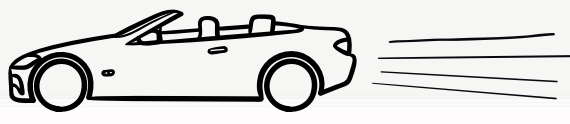
**Color  
some  
rice and  
add  
some  
toys!  
FUN!**



*Flour Power!*

**Use flour and  
mix kids-safe  
glitter to it  
and let them  
splash it.**





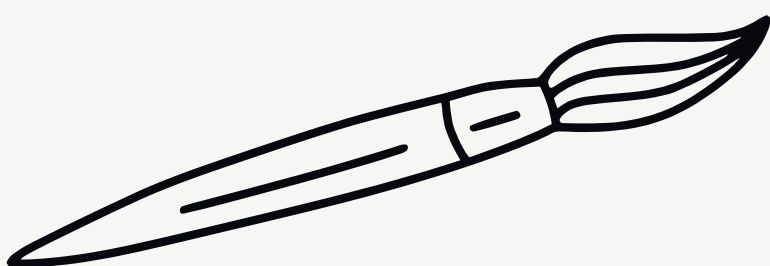
# Animal Car wash!

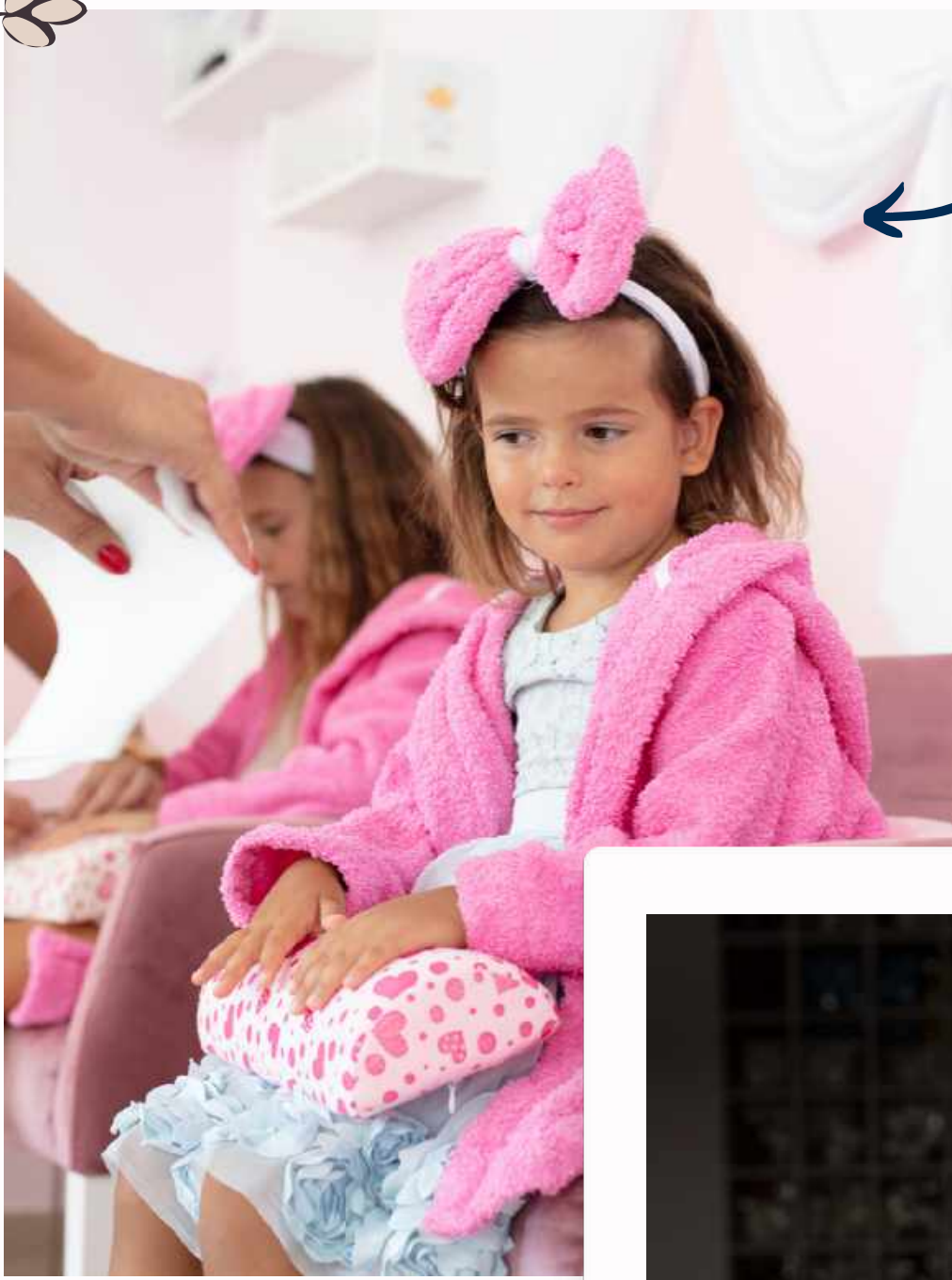
Washing animals or cars with water & sponge.



play in the water!

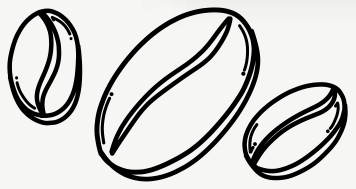
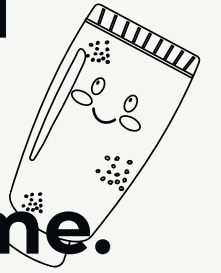
- Bubble play with lots of water and soap or shampoo.
- Painting walls or deck with water and brush





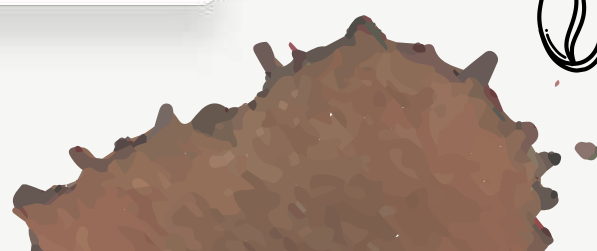
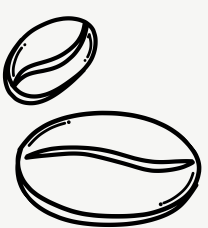
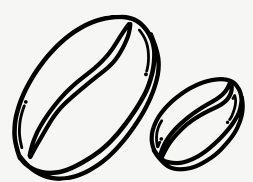
*Smelly fun!*

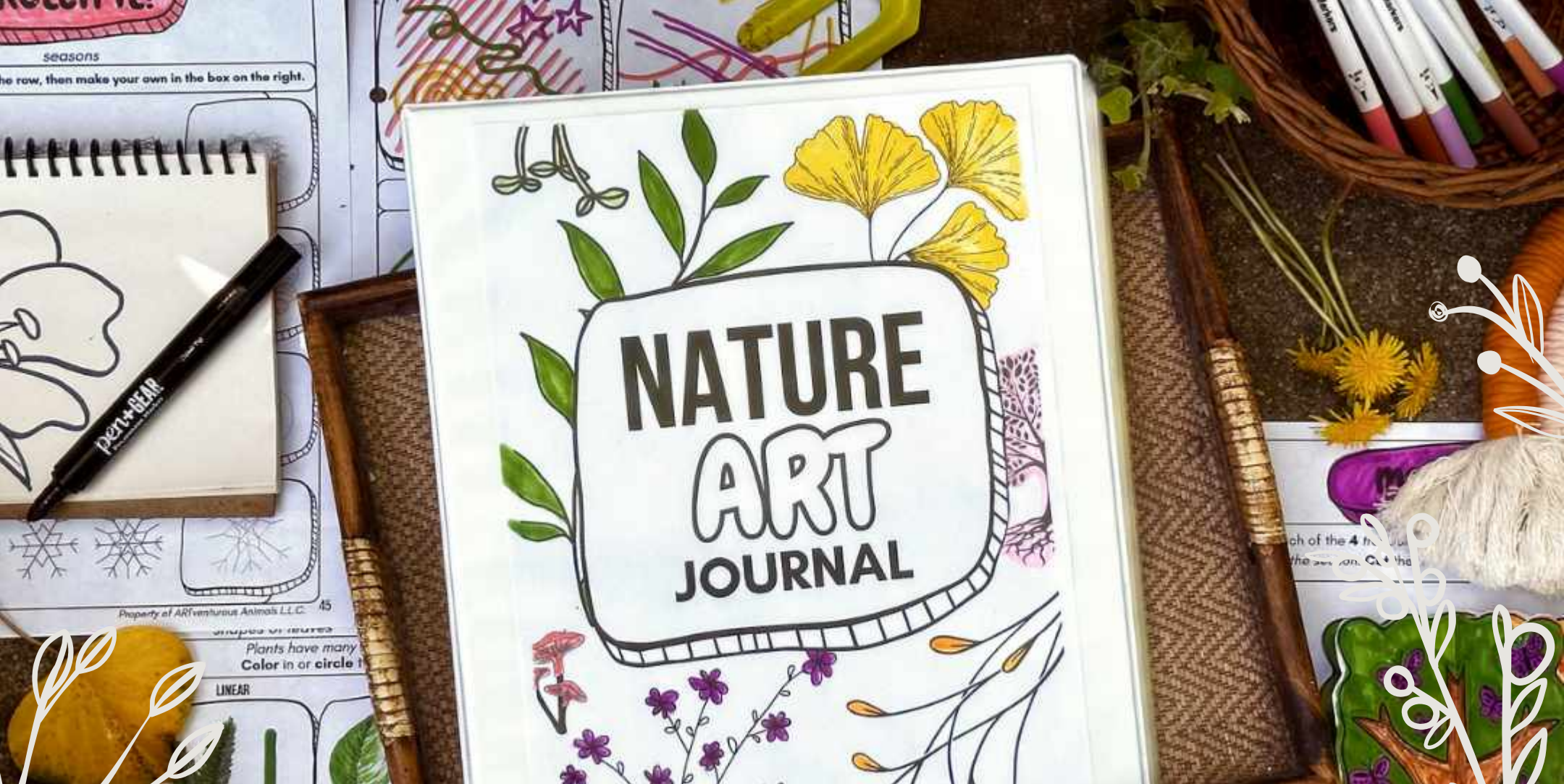
**Plan a simple spa day for the kids by using all the creams and lotions you have at home.**



*Coffee break!*

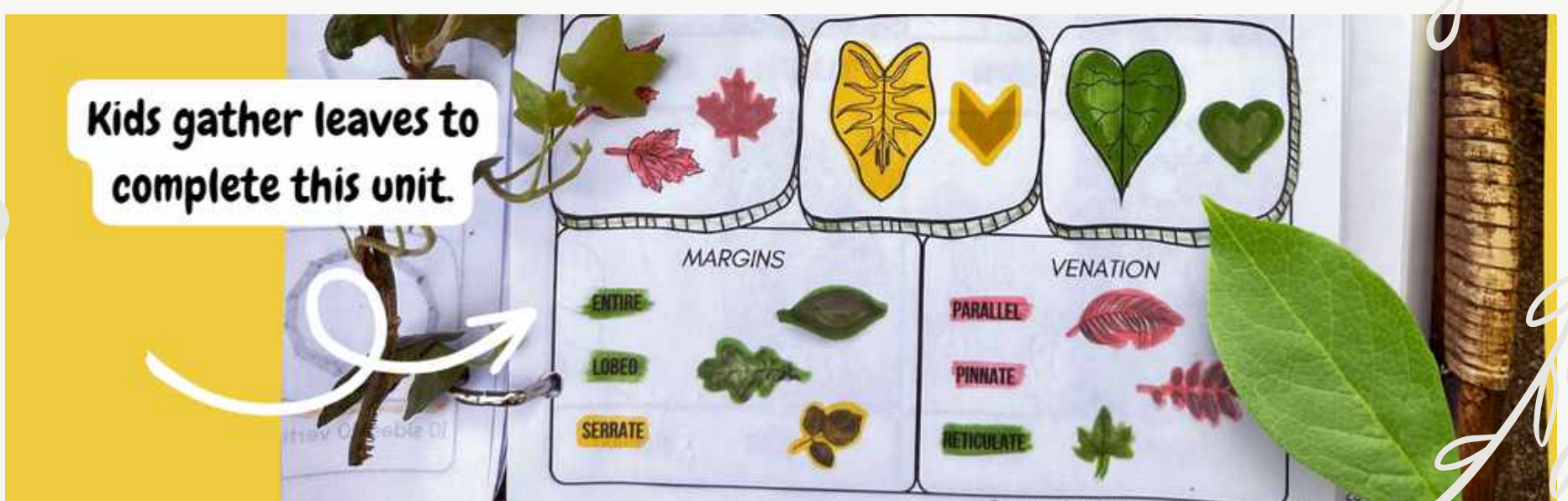
**Use ground coffee and mix it with water and use it to paint on paper.**





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# HOW TO MAKE ANY ADVENTURE even more educational!

By Hannah Billingsley Jimenez

We've all had that field trip that we were so excited for only to get home and think "they probably could've gotten more from that."

Like a field trip to a farm; the whole family is enjoying the experience, loving the animals, and you are making priceless memories, but afterwards...



## EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURES

You're left thinking about the talking points that you meant to bring up about the different animals along the way, but forgot because you wanted to enjoy the experience too!

**"I should've asked him more questions!"**

Sound familiar? Continue reading; let's talk about how you can help make any adventure more educational with reference notes!

# FARM FIELD TRIP

## questions

How do you identify a mammal?

What is the male vs female terminology?

What's this animal's job?

What's the farmer's job?





# EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURES

## NOTES TO THE RESCUE

Now think about that field trip again and imagine if, among the sunblock and graham crackers in that big bag you carry everywhere, you had some talking points and learning prompts that you had prepared quickly in advance.

Or in the notes app on your phone to easily open and remind yourself, while still focusing on the family moments, and make the most of the educational opportunities.

How's it look? Better, right?

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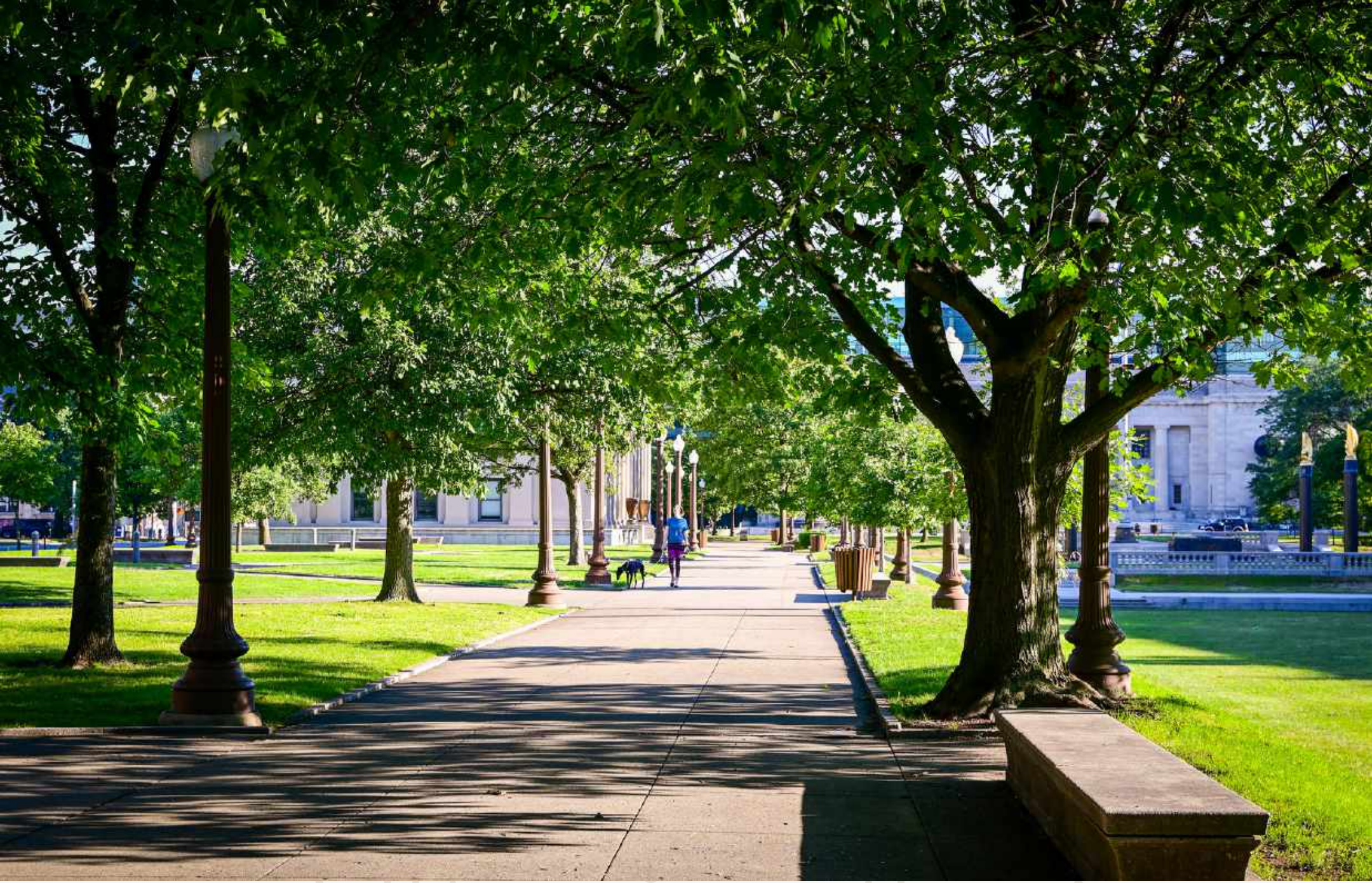
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# PATTERNS IN THE PARK:

EXPLORE ENGINEERING  
CONCEPTS IN NATURE





# PATTERNS IN THE PARK: ENGINEERING IN NATURE

By Lauren Schroeder, Salt And Lightspeed

Nature has always been a remarkable source of inspiration for human innovation.

From the wings of birds inspiring the invention of airplanes to the structure of spider webs informing architectural designs, nature's ingenious solutions have often informed and outperformed human creations.

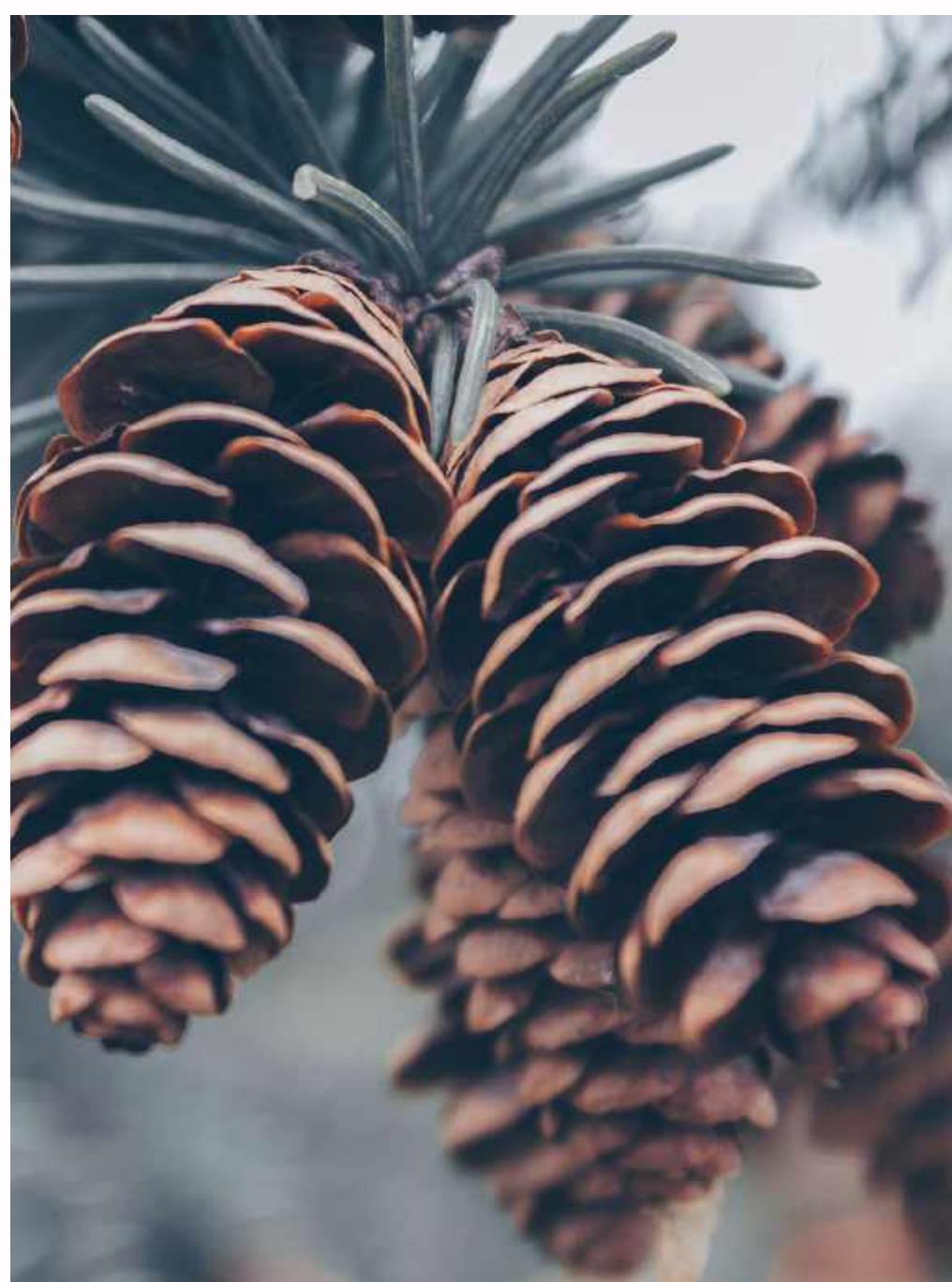
Here are three ways to help your child observe and find patterns in nature, and apply them to their own engineering creations!





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# The Beautiful Homeschool Mess

By Debbie McMullen

It began with a single binder.  
And a single child.  
And then it grew.





## IT STARTED WITH A SINGLE BINDER - AND A SINGLE CHILD.

But soon that binder would be full, that child would grow - and so would his family.

Soon there were more binders, more papers, more books, and more supplies. Markers, pens, glue sticks, paper scraps, jars and jars of rocks and shells and leaves. Boxes of math blocks, board games, and science experiments.

Boxes of messes built up over years of homeschooling, books all over the house and stuff, stuff, stuff everywhere!

But what we failed to see through all of that stuff through the younger years were the precious things inside those boxes that would one day make us remember.

**Remember the afternoons on the couch reading together, the mornings lazing around the house in our PJs. The inside jokes between close siblings, or the spur-of-the-moment mini trips for the family.**

The days of 'school' spent at the park just playing the day away, and the time spent with parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles without having to worry about 'squeezing it all in'. It was a mess. But it was beautiful, fun, and precious. A blessed mess.

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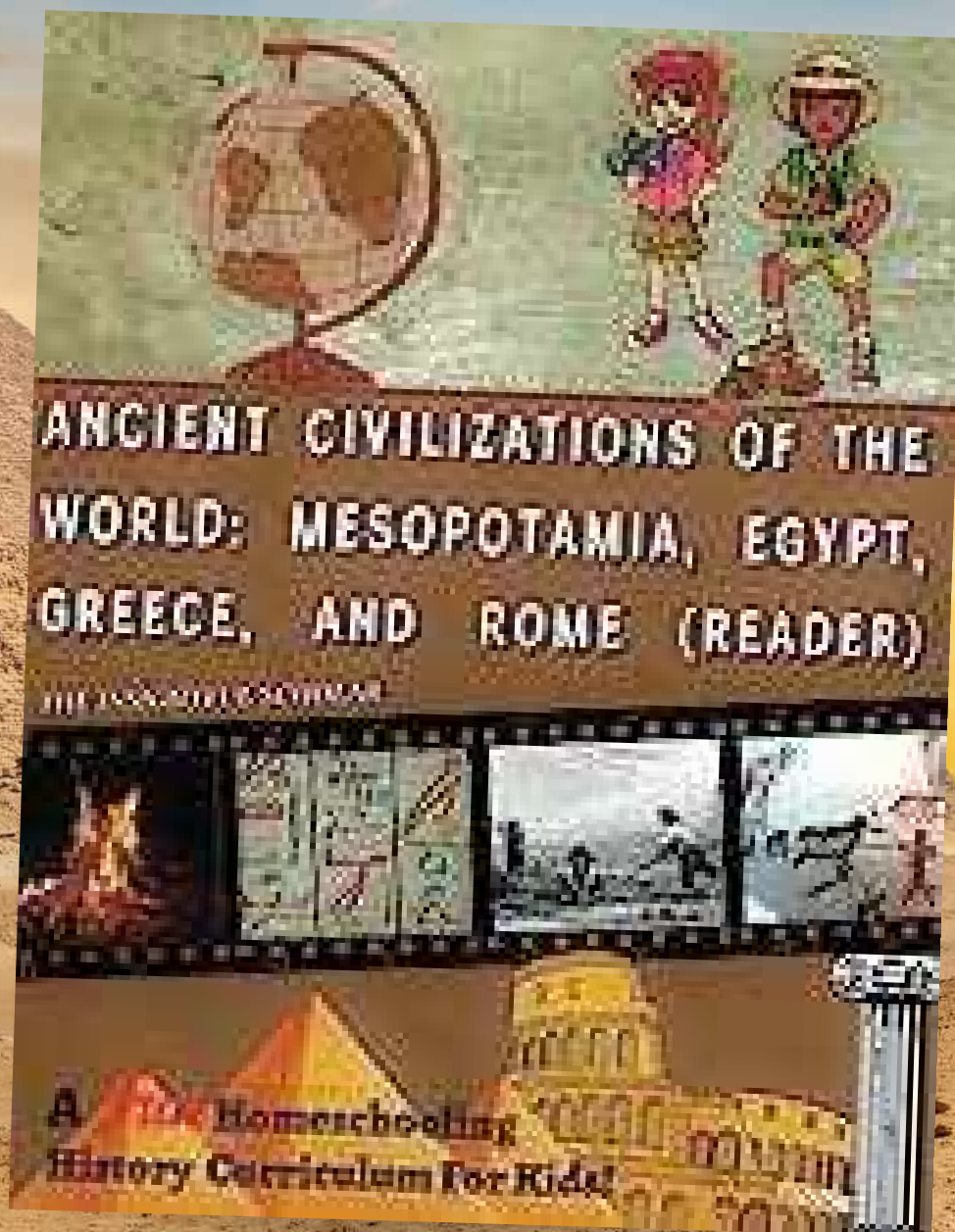
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# Language Arts

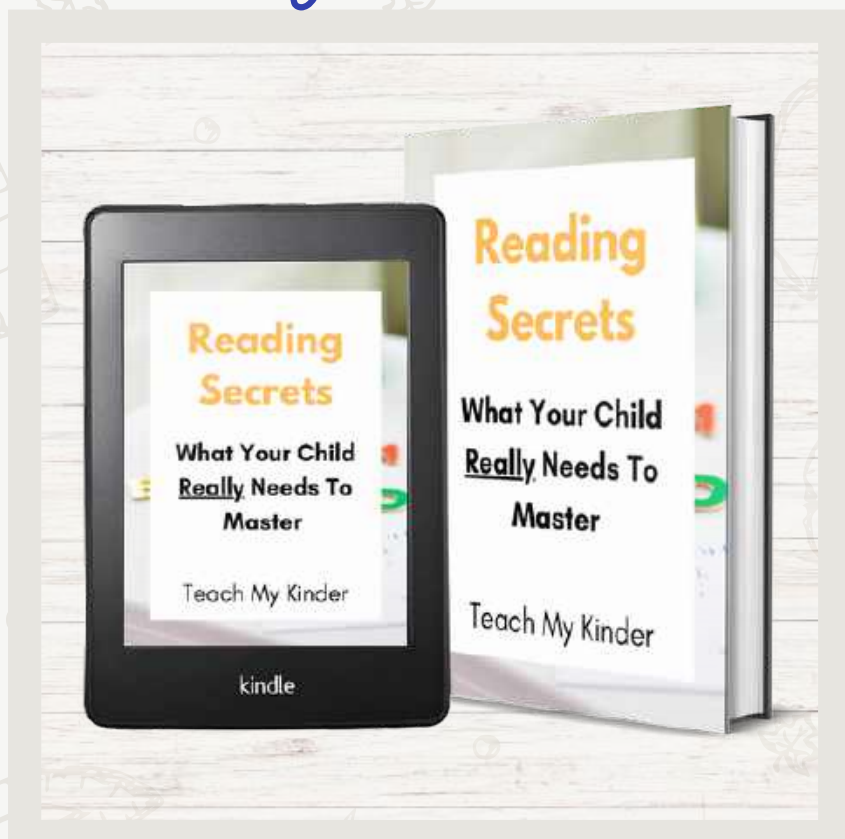
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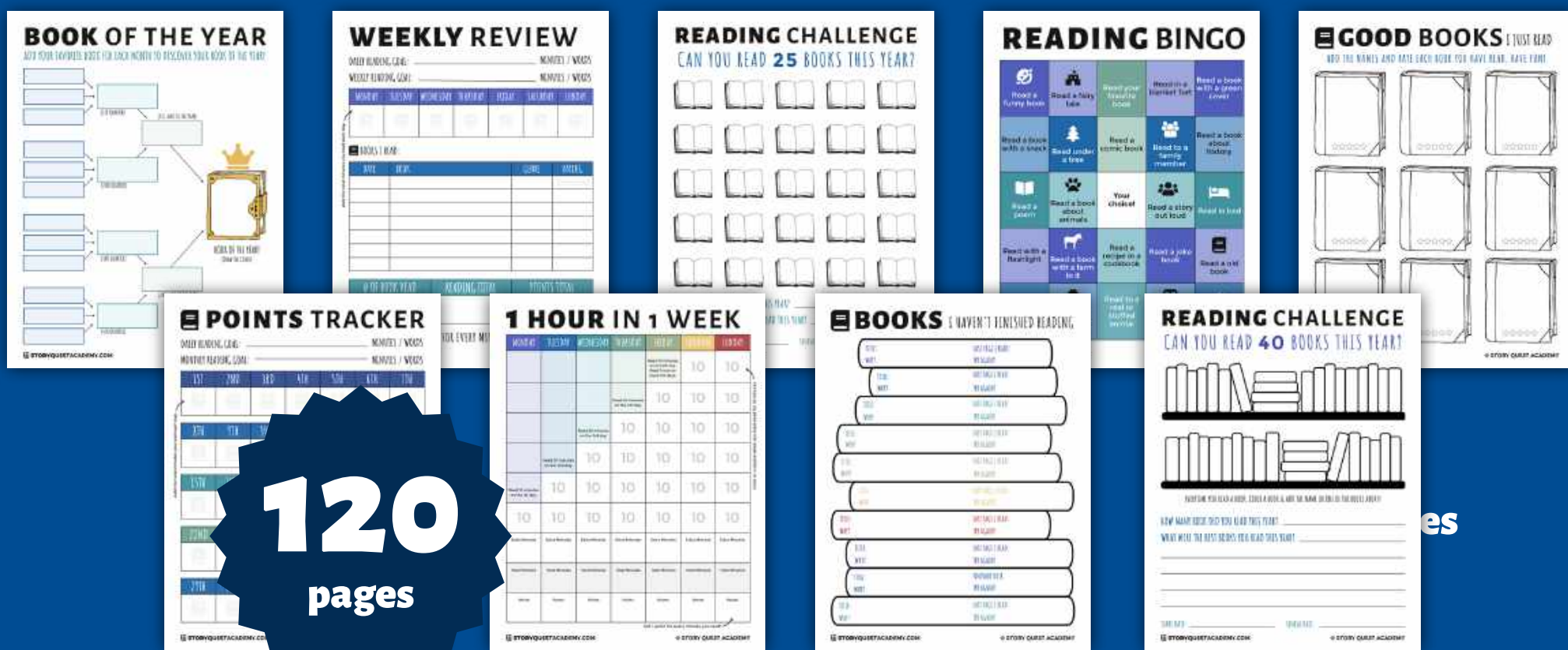
These prompts will not only help improve their handwriting skills, but also encourage them to think creatively and let their imaginations run wild.

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# Fun Vegetables Your Kids Will Love To Grow In Their Own Garden

By Alicia Devore, Create My Garden

Gardening is a great way to get your kids outdoors and learn about the wonders of nature.

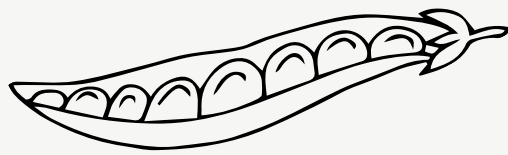




# Summertime Veggies

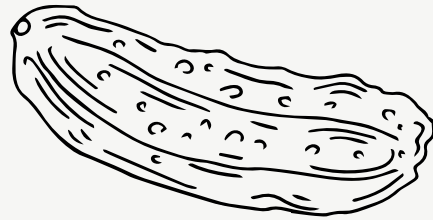
Summertime is the perfect opportunity to get your hands dirty and grow some delicious veggies with your kids. Check out these veggies your child can easily grow.

## Bush Beans



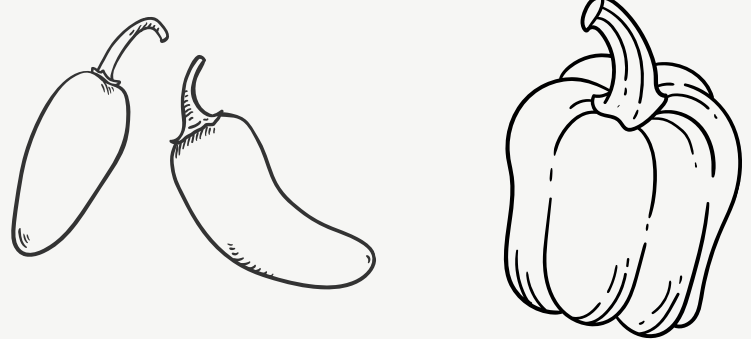
These seeds are perfect for new and young gardeners.

## Cucumbers



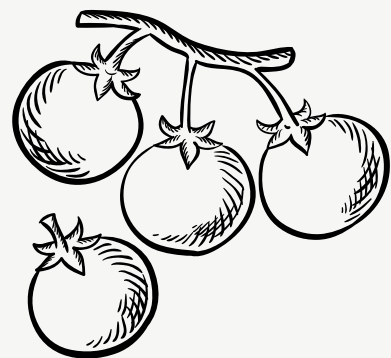
Use a trellis or a tomato cage to grow your cucumber plants up.

## Sweet Peppers



Instead of starting from scratch, head to your local nursery and pick up some pepper plants.

## Cherry Tomatoes



Perfect for snacking right off the vine.

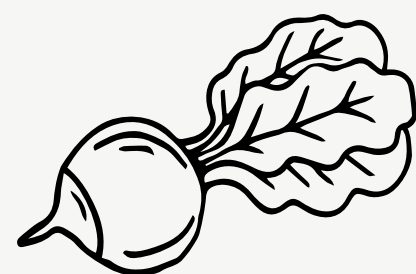
# Fall & Spring Veggies

As the seasons change, so do the vegetables that you can plant for success with your kids in the garden. Here are 3 choices, to plant from seed 6-8 weeks before the last frost in the spring or 6-8 weeks before the first frost in the fall.



Pea seeds are larger than most seeds and are easy for little hands.

## Radishes



Radishes grow quickly, often ready to harvest in just three weeks.

## Carrots



The excitement of pulling up a carrot from the soil never gets old.



## Alicia's story

I didn't know there would be so many benefits when my family started our first garden many years ago. Planting seeds and seedlings (small plants) into those first garden beds in our tiny backyard in Los Angeles became a new adventure of learning for us all. That little garden space also quickly became a place to rest, enjoy, and explore.



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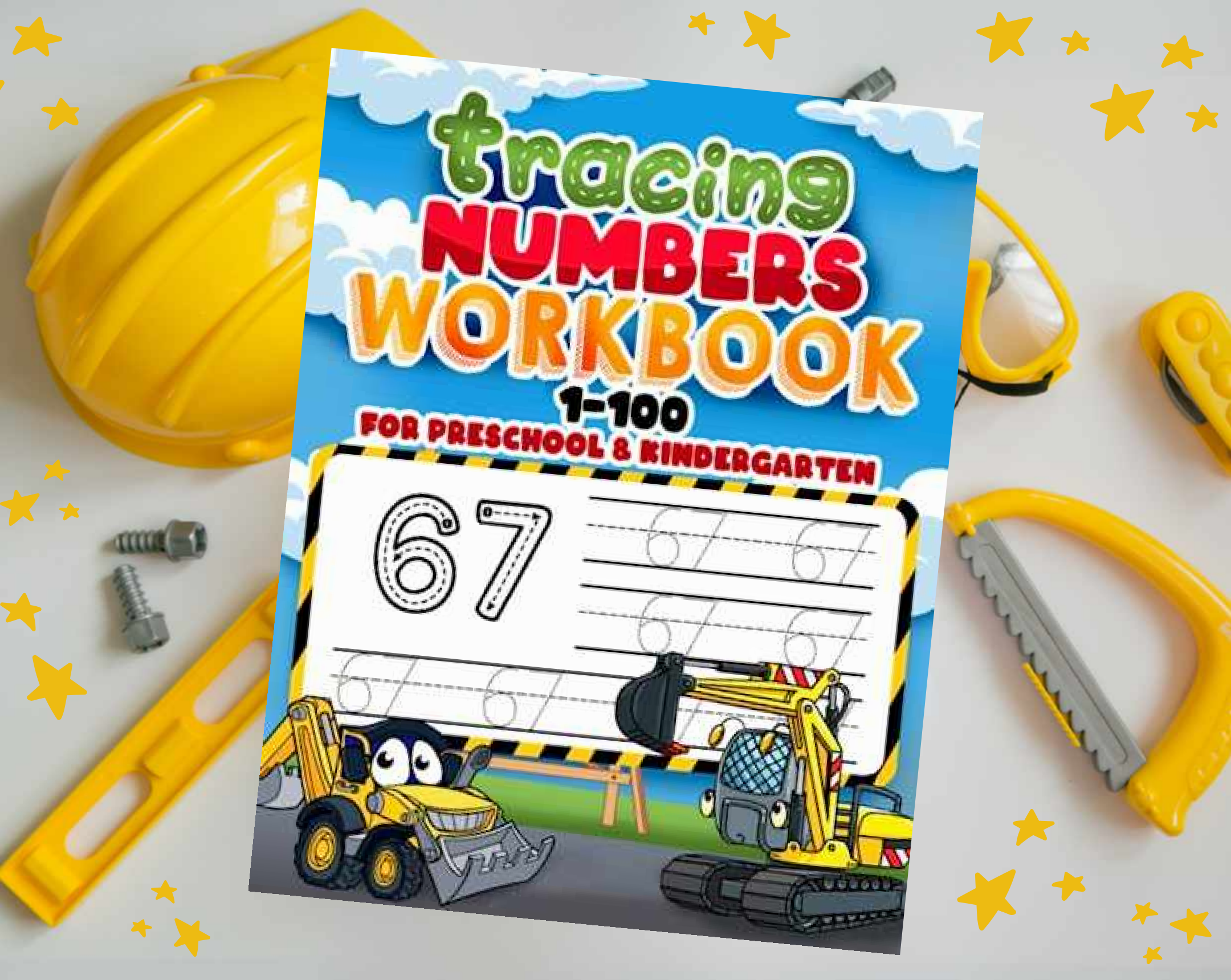
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# THE BENEFITS OF TAKING THE SUMMER OFF

By Nina Elena, [NinaHelpsYouHomeschool.com](http://NinaHelpsYouHomeschool.com)

For the past 17 years of homeschooling, I have heard other homeschool moms chat about their summer plans. Some plan to travel. Some plan to relax. Some plan to complete projects around the house and some plan to homeschool through the summer.

We begin the school year in September since that's when we are the most excited for school.







## **YOU CAN STILL AVOID THE SUMMER SLUMP**

One of the big reasons that people avoid taking a long summer break is that kids often lose educational abilities when they no longer use them. This is known as the “summer slump”. We’ve noticed this in our own home.



**TWO OF OUR CHILDREN STRUGGLE WITH MATH, SO FOR THOSE TWO, WE JUST CONTINUE A FEW MINUTES OF MATH PRACTICE THROUGH THE SUMMER.**



## MAKE SUMMER FUN EDUCATIONAL

Summer is the perfect time for me to become that Mary Poppins mom and take the kids to the zoo or for a hike or to draw chalk pictures on the sidewalk and pretend to jump into them.

## FIND THE RIGHT FIT

I'd rather do this no-school summer plan than continue school for the summer.

Even though we do a teeny-tiny bit of school in the summer, our children don't think of summer as having any school.

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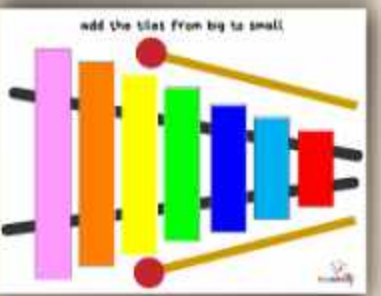
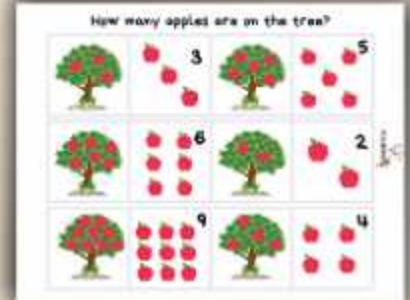
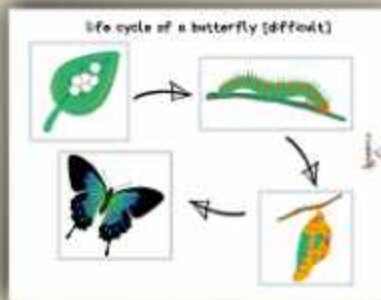
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# Homeschooling vs Career

## DIMINISH THE GUILT

By Sarah Louise Dale

**As a military spouse, I am no stranger to having to choose between one thing or another. Having a career is a real challenge in this lifestyle, so when we decided to fully homeschool our two children, it wasn't too difficult.**

**But, for those not living this lifestyle, it can be a choice that pulls at the heartstrings. Growing up, I loved public school and my experiences there, and we wanted that for our children.**



# Homeschooling vs Career

## SARAH'S HOMESCHOOL STORY

When I was nine years old, I knew I wanted to be a teacher more than anything in the world.

The process for getting my B.A Degree was my introduction to how broken our education system had become.

## MY REALIZATION

My experiences as a substitute teacher led me to realize that not only was my dream of becoming a teacher not happening, but I didn't want my children getting lost in a broken system.

## THE CHOICE

In February 2023, we decided that after watching our daughter struggle so much, and having no friends in public school, that it was the sign we needed. My "career" would be educating our children, and anything extra I wanted to do would be just that, extra.

# Homeschooling vs Career

**YOU CAN STILL WORK AND DO WHAT YOU LOVE & HOMESCHOOL**

**With many work from home opportunities, you can still work without sacrificing your child's education time.**

**HOMESCHOOLING REALLY DOESN'T TAKE ALL DAY**

**Contrary to what a lot of people think, your homeschool days do not have to be seven hours long like public school.**



# Homeschooling vs Career



**HOMESCHOOLING IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT**

**Wanting a career and wanting to homeschool your children shouldn't be an either/or situation.**

**If your career is important to you, then find the balance and do it.**

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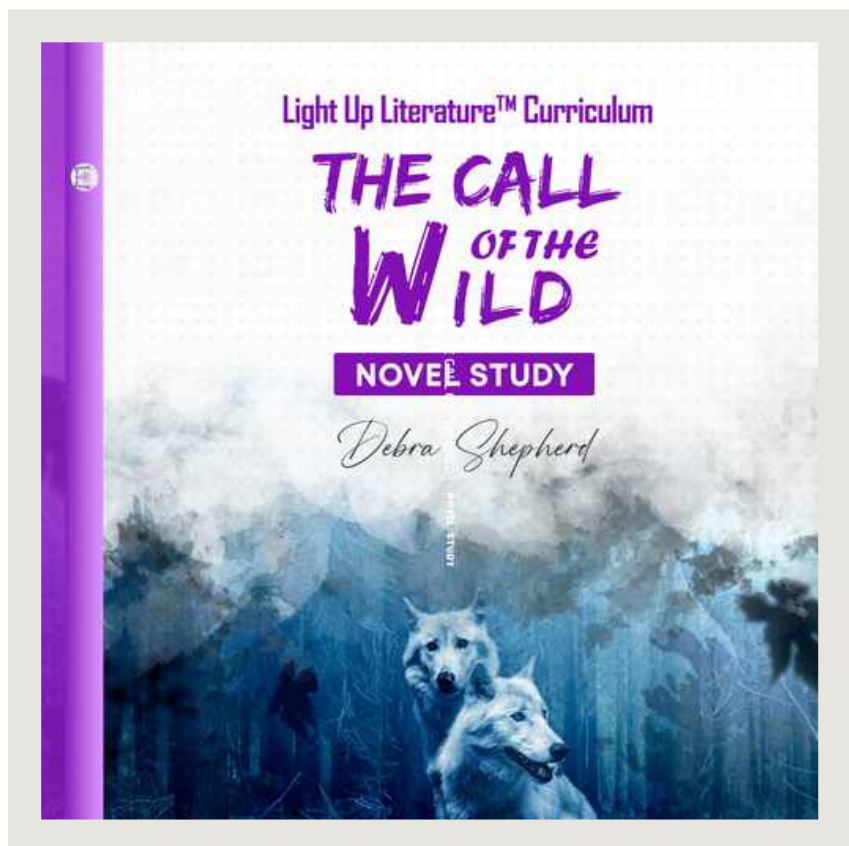
This cooking challenge is guaranteed to make fun summer memories. Your child will learn a skill that will turn them into successful adults.

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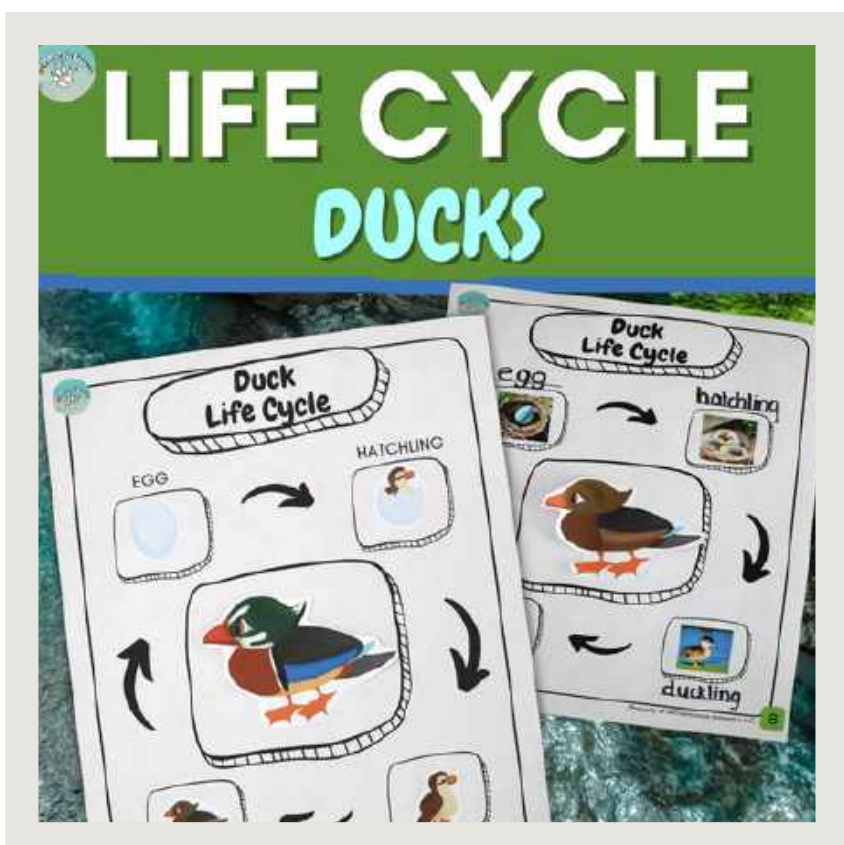
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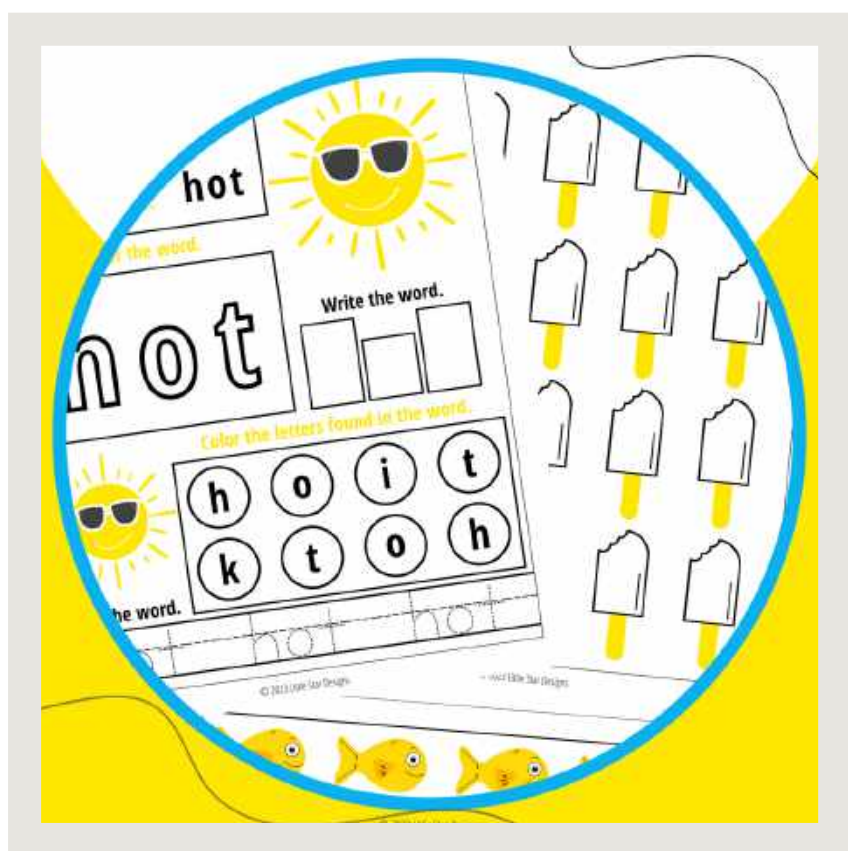


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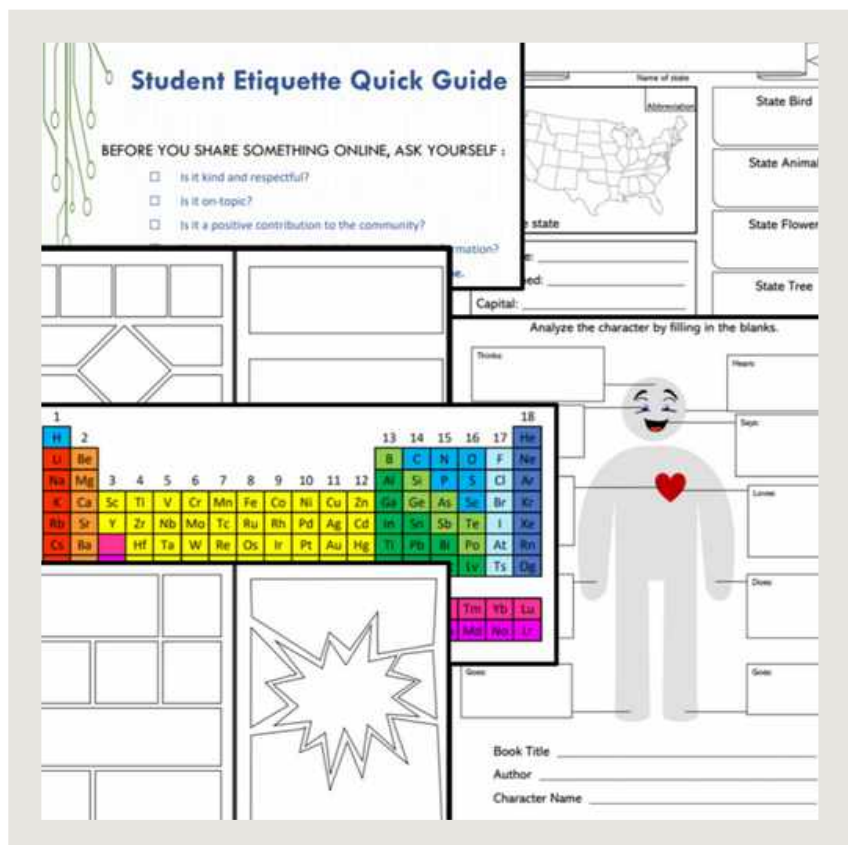


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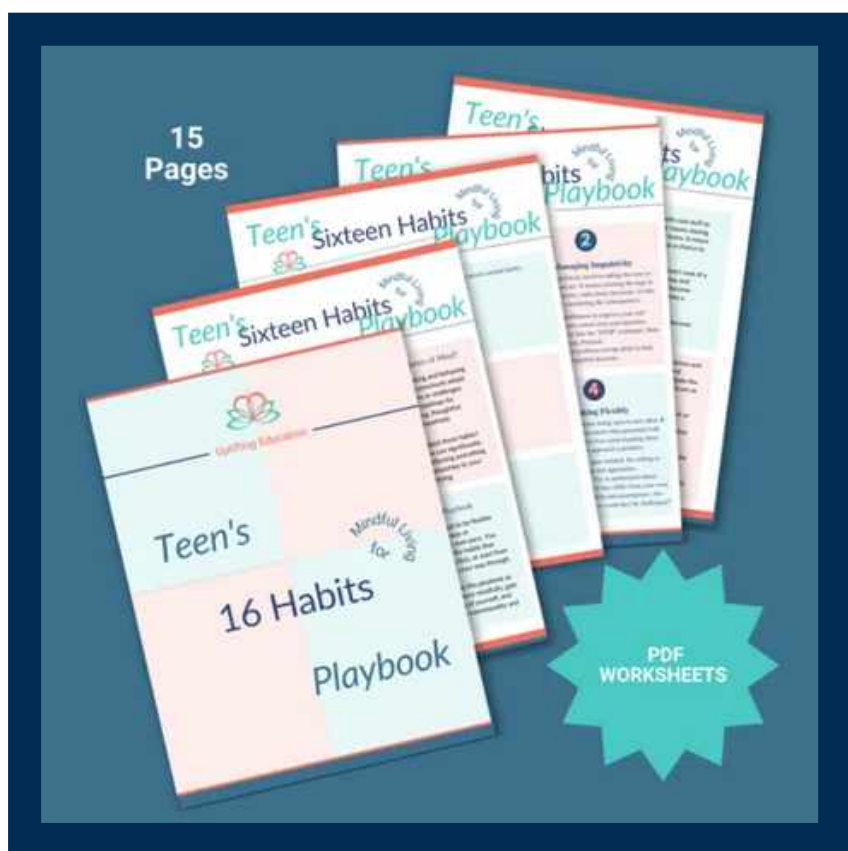
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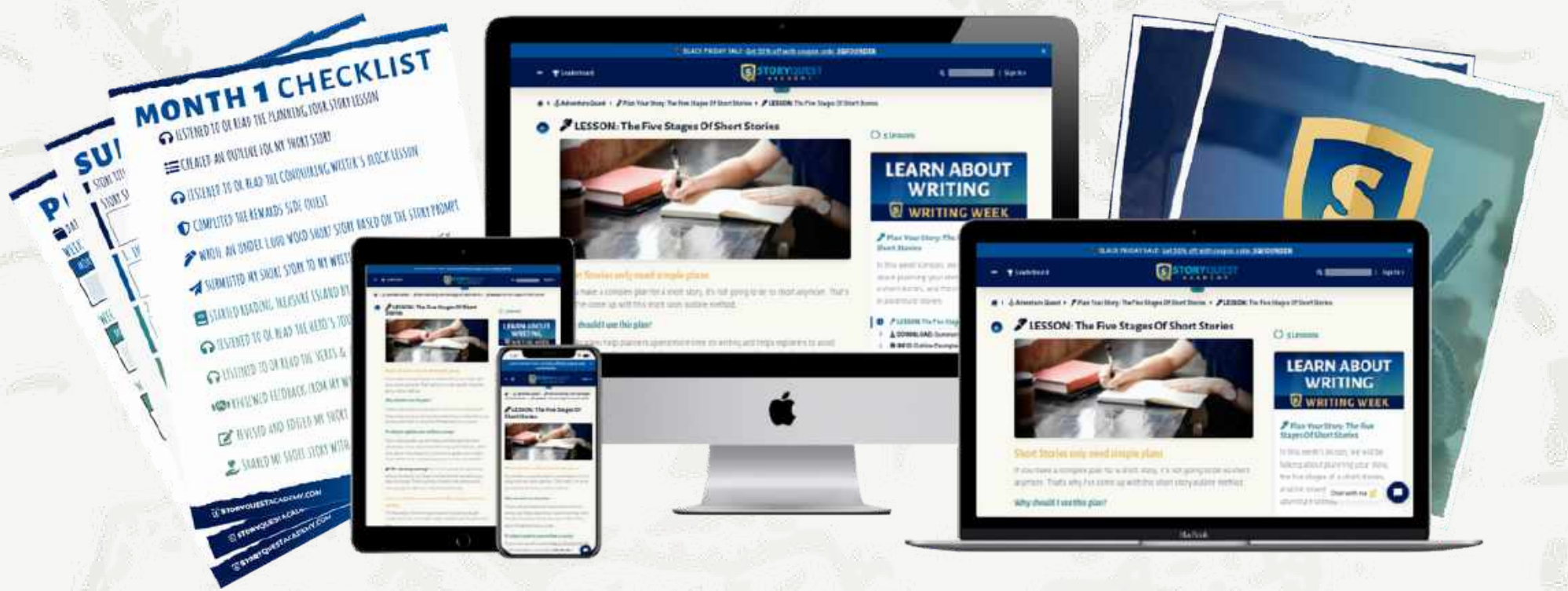
Your kids will build vocabulary, learn grammar, and develop writing skills, all while having fun!

Created by The Homeschool Quest Admin, Amelia DeField!

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**"It was great to see my kids enjoying a writing class so much!"**

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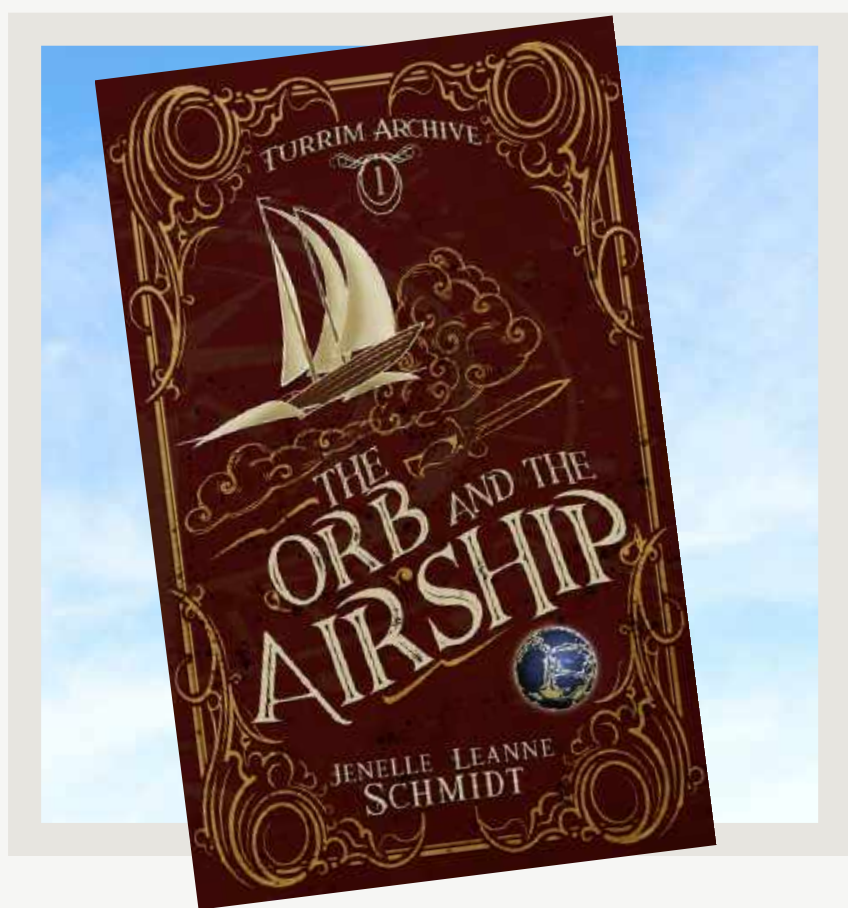
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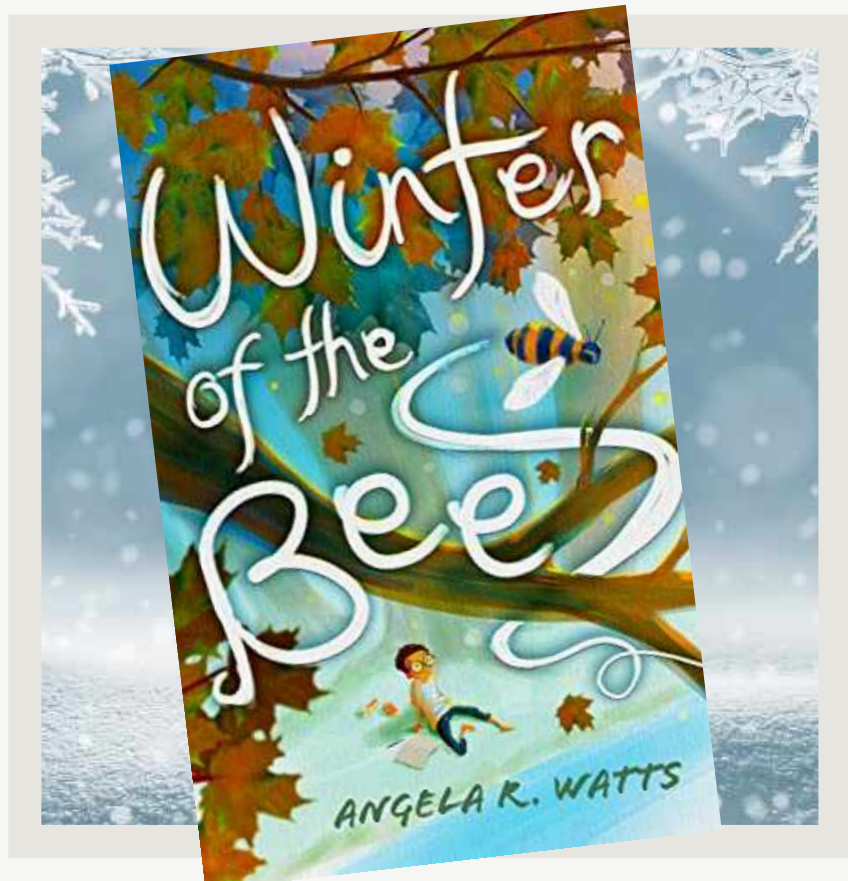


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This clean fantasy novel is filled with steadfast friendship, brotherhood, twisty politics, and epic airship battles.

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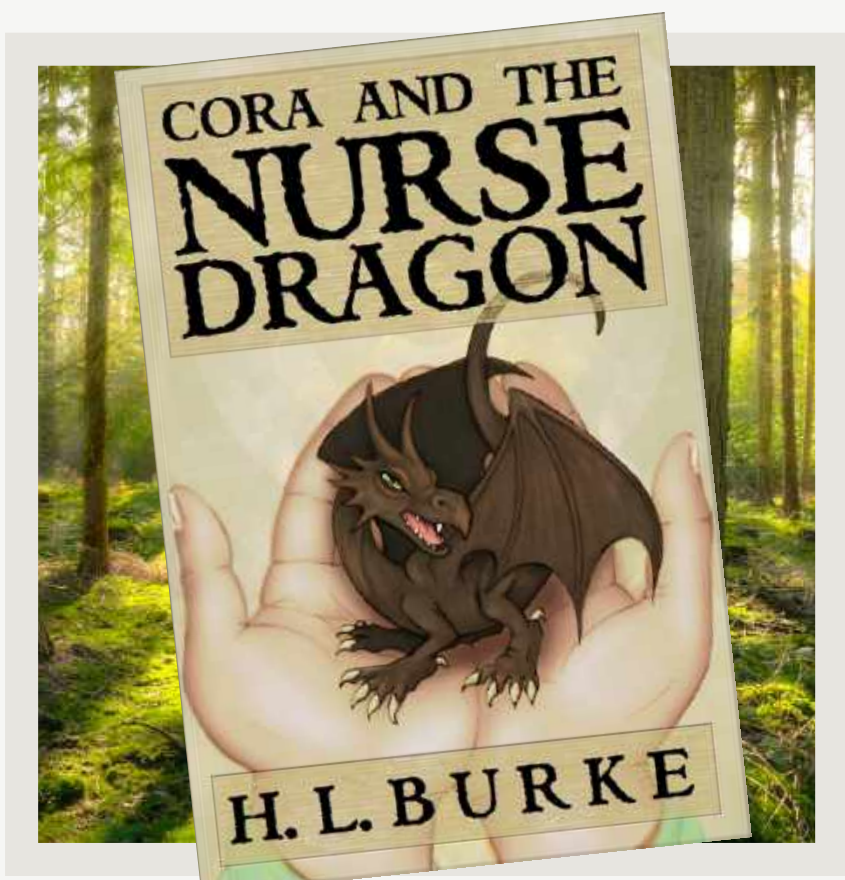


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by Nathaniel James

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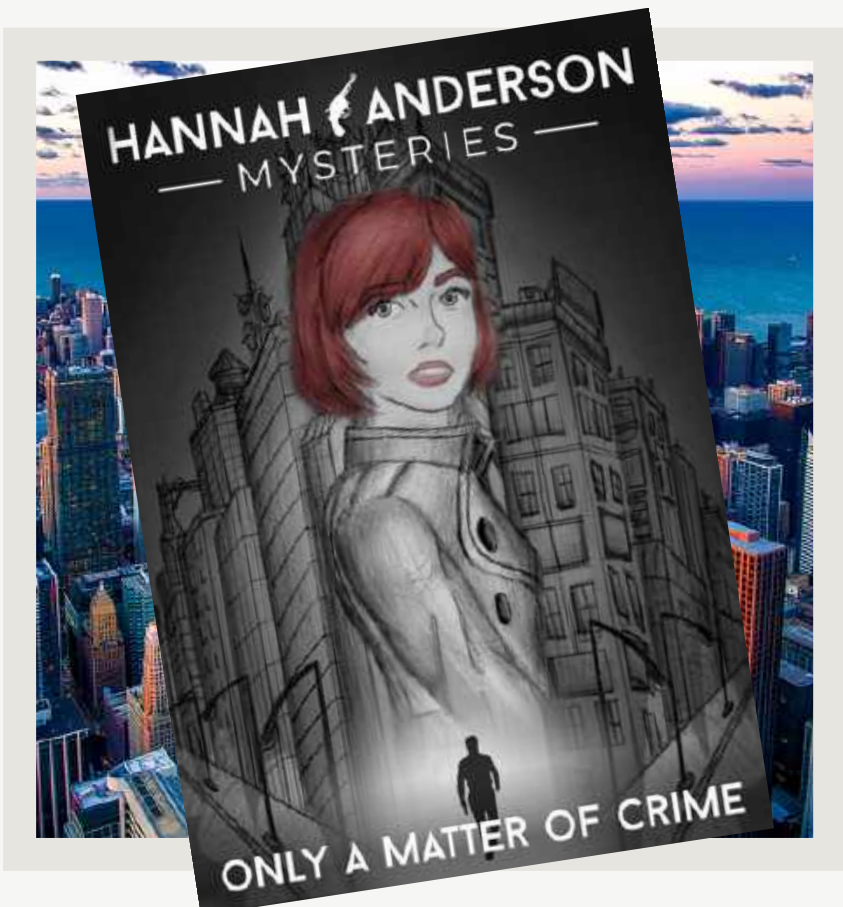
## Only A Matter Of Crime

Hannah Anderson Mysteries

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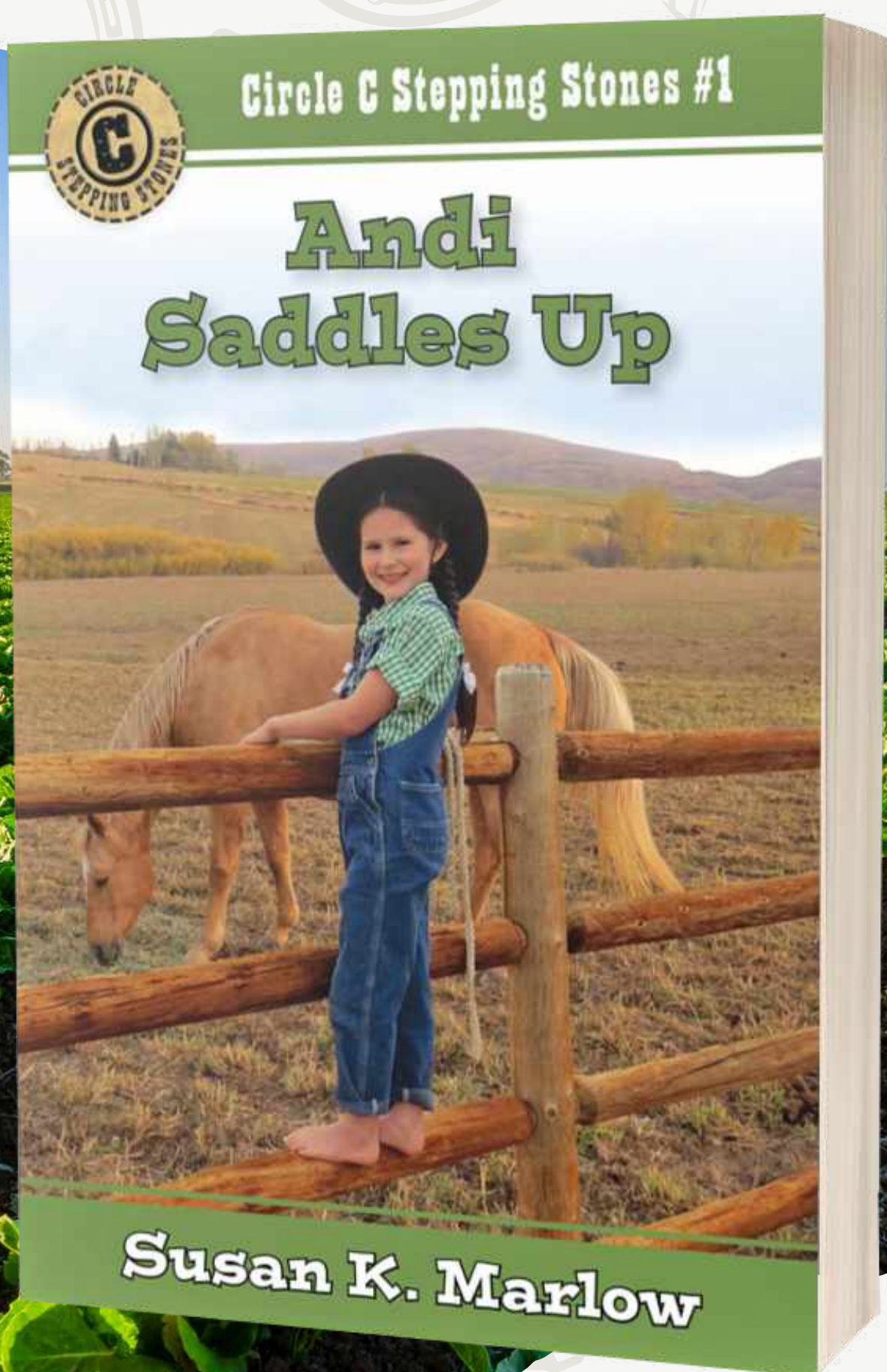
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Ellie's recommendations



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Penny Parker:

Behind the Green Door

By Mildred A. Wirt

Boxcar Children:

The Yellow House Mystery

By Gertrude Chandler Warner

Hardy Boys:

The Missing Chums

By Franklin W. Dixon

# Adventure Books



Amelia's  
recommendations



## Kidnapped

By Robert Louis Stevenson

## White Fang

By Jack London

## Swallows and Amazons

By Arthur Ransome

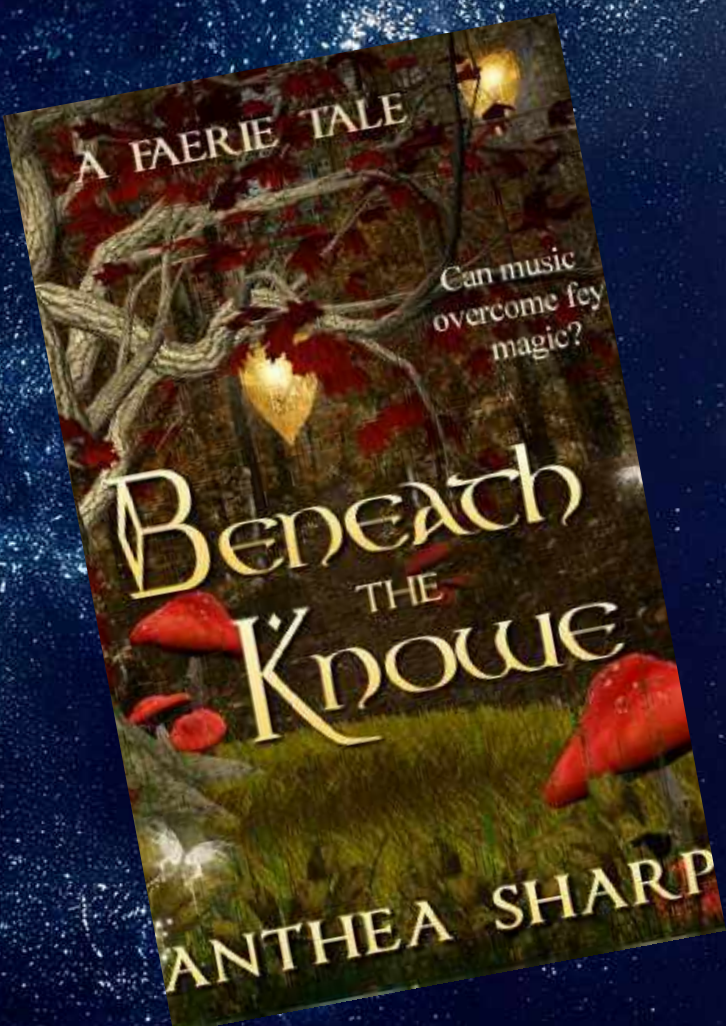
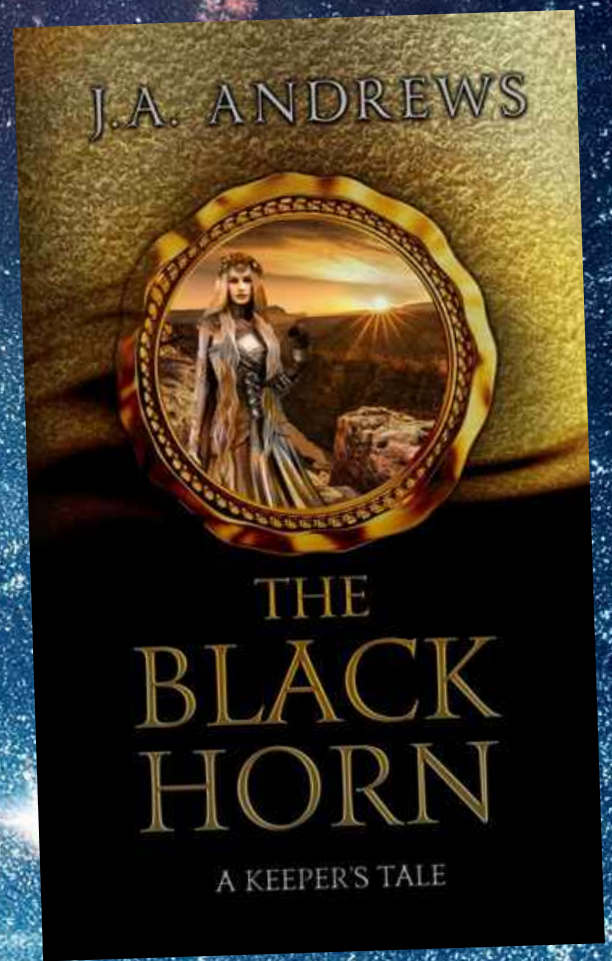
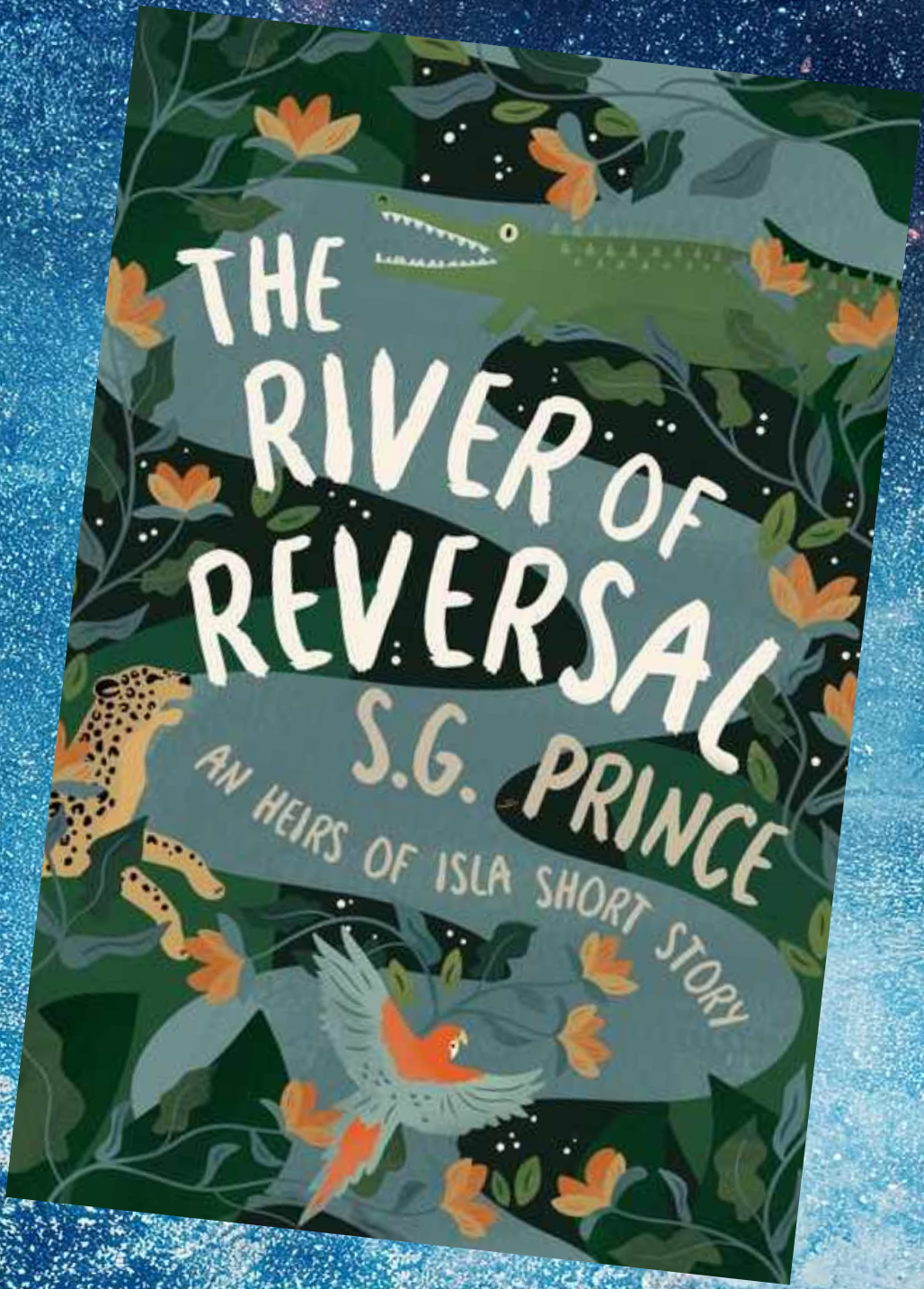
## Captain Courageous

By Rudyard Kipling

## The Invention of Hugo Cabret

By Brian Selznick

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FREE FANTASY

# SHORT STORIES FOR TEENS

By Karyne Norton  
Finding Fantasy Reads podcast

**When I was an Usborne consultant, I heard one complaint over and over from homeschool moms: *My teen's reading comprehension is too high for these books, and I don't have time to pre-read every novel they want to read.***

**And now that my own kids are reaching that stage, my current solution is finding short stories that give me a taste of the author's style, quality, and content level.**

# FREE FANTASY SHORT STORIES



**Here are some of my favorite clean fantasy short stories for your teens to read this summer - you can snag them all for free by signing up for the author's newsletter:**

**[THE BLACK HORN BY JA ANDREWS](#)**

**This epic fantasy is filled with friendship and hope shares the story of a young woman desperate to save those she loves as enemy hordes approach.**

**[THE LILY GATE BY HANNA SANDVIG](#)**

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**RIVER OF REVERSAL**  
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**This faerie tale shares one young woman's story as she journeys beneath the faerie hill to save a child.**

**If you have an especially voracious reader, the blog post has a link to a bunch of short stories available FREE for the month of July.**

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# About us

Our family has spent the last twenty years running a marketing agency and homeschooling our 5 kids from pre-K to high school and beyond. Now, Janet and Landy have teamed up with three of their daughters, Amelia, Isabelle and Jasmine, and their son, Nathan, to help homeschooling families around the world find free and affordable resources, curriculum, and more.

# Our team

We are working together with the goal of supporting homeschooling families everywhere.



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