



Help Your Child Learn Outside of School With These Unique Methods

Educational activities for kids are often viewed as a chore, but there are actually several fun things you can do with your child outside of school that will allow them to work on concepts they're having trouble with or just boost their general knowledge. These days, there are educational opportunities in video games, apps, and even television shows, so it pays to expand your search when you're [looking for new ways to learn](#). You can also think about how to get your child moving by pairing learning with physical activities. Utilize these ideas when you're ready to get started:

Carve time from your schedule to help them learn

It can be challenging to find the time to help your kids learn outside of school, especially if you have a busy or unpredictable work schedule. However, sitting down with them and putting in the time to read together, work out math problems, or play an educational game can be extremely beneficial for your child, and it's a great way to spend quality time with them. Working this time into your routine can be tricky at first, but by prioritizing it, you can turn it into the most special

part of your day. Think about how you and your child can [create fun experiences together](#) that teach both of you something new, such as using an app to [learn how to speak a new language](#).

Get outside for learning

Spending time outdoors is highly beneficial for people of all ages, so when you're able to fit learning time into your routine, look for activities you and your child can do outside. You might go on a nature walk and start a journal of [interesting items you find](#) along the way, or head to the park for [some sensory-enrichment time](#) with Plein air painting. You can even do some learning together in your own backyard by identifying different plants or birds or using rocks to play a counting game. This is a great way to fit physical activity into your day as you and your child work on learning concepts together.

Keep in mind that if you live in a neighborhood that [has a good walk score](#), you may have parks and other activities nearby. This can be an excellent way to get outside and explore what your neighborhood has to offer.

Check out local museums

Want to get out of the house or take a weekend trip with the family? Consider heading to a spot where museums and art galleries are abundant. Science museums are perfect for kids of just about any age, as they usually [contain fun learning activities](#) that involve music, animals, or food. You can also look for aviation or railroad museums, which might have old planes and trains that your child can explore. Think about your child's interests and do a little research to find the best destinations near you.

Utilize technology to your advantage

No matter what your child's specific interests are, it's a pretty good bet that they'll want to use video games no matter what capacity it's in. These days, there are tons of options for parents who want their child to consume educational material outside of the classroom, from game and puzzle apps that can be [downloaded on a phone or tablet](#) to games for consoles and PCs that will help them build math [and spatial reasoning skills](#). You can even use virtual reality tools to help your child learn! Take a look online at the various options for educational games and consider working these into your child's rotation as they play.

It can be a major challenge for many parents to work educational activities into their own schedules. However, by utilizing certain tools, you can help your child learn and have fun while bonding with them at the same time.

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