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| **Example: Summer Learning Plan, Grades 6-8**  Template from <https://blogsomemoore.com/distance-learning-2/>  Created by Heidi Brett Baker, [www.projectsuccessindiana.com](http://www.projectsuccessindiana.com)     * Choose one activity a day or 5 activities a week. * Take pictures of activities while you are doing them and keep track of all your activities in your IEP Portfolio. * Choose an activity from each row by the end of July. | | | | | |
| **Home Based Activity** | **Create and bake your own pizzas.**You can pick your own toppings. You can help prep by shredding cheese, washing mushrooms, chopping veggies and so on. **Resource:** [Homemade pizza that kids can make themselves](https://laughingkidslearn.com/homemade-pizza-kids-can-make-themselves/) | Plan with your family an activity day. Decide how much money to spend, and research events and activities in your area and choose an affordable activity the whole family can enjoy. Remember to include food in the day's plan.  **Resource:** [Party Plans checklist](https://www.thebash.com/articles/kids-party-checklist) | Make a chore list and chore schedule for yourself to be independent in your household.    **Resource:** [Chore lists](https://www.care.com/c/stories/5933/ultimate-household-chore-list/) | Learn to cook with these step-by-step lessons and recipes. **Resource:** [Cooking With Kids](http://www.childrensrecipes.com/), [43 Cool Recipes For Teens To Make At Home](https://diyprojectsforteens.com/diy-recipes-teens/) | Make a dessert for an elderly neighbor or grandparent. Deliver the cookies with a heartfelt note or picture.  **[Resource](https://diyprojectsforteens.com/desserts-teens-to-make-at-home/)**[: 38 Fun Desserts for Teens to Make at Home](https://diyprojectsforteens.com/desserts-teens-to-make-at-home/) |
| **Literacy Activity** | Pick a book. Bring it to life. These are some of our favorite ways to bring books to life for children of all ages.  **Resource:** [5 Ways to Bring Any Book to Life](https://www.weirdunsocializedhomeschoolers.com/5-easy-ways-bring-books-life/) | Make a time capsule. Have each family member write down something they are grateful for and include a special item in the time capsule. Then, store it away until a designated date. You can open it as early as Thanksgiving or as far off as high school graduation.  **Resource**: [How to Make a Time Capsule](https://www.personalcreations.com/blog/time-capsule-ideas) | Learn about national parks from the comfort of your own home, and complete online activities. Materials are grouped by age-pick your age and get started.  **Resource:** [Web Ranger](https://www.nps.gov/kids/webrangers.htm) | Create a [treasure hunt](https://www.verywellfamily.com/have-a-nature-scavenger-hunt-3287877).Do it on your own property or around town. Change things up a little and make it a photo scavenger hunt where you need to take photos either with their phones of things on the list. Examples might include: Take a picture of a flower. Take a photo of something red.  **Resource:** [**Treasure Hunt**](https://www.verywellfamily.com/have-a-nature-scavenger-hunt-3287877) | Create a summer scrapbook**.** Save postcards and movie tickets, record family stories or interesting events from each day, whether you’re going on vacation or visiting places in your neighborhood, such as parks, friends or restaurants. |
| **Numeracy Activity** | Make a paper airplane. Practice graphing the fun way – with paper airplanes!  **Resource:** [**Paper Airplane Math**](http://ourjourneywestward.com/graphing/) | Use candy for fun math. M&Ms are more than just counters for young children learning basic math. Older students can practice fractions; mean, median, and mode; and graphing.  **Resource:** [M&M Math](http://ourjourneywestward.com/mm-math/) | Activities are broken down by grade level and include those for middle school and high school  **Resource:** [100+ Living Math Activities & Link-Up](http://ourjourneywestward.com/living-math-activities/) | Rearrange or redo your bedroom. Measure the length, width, and height of furniture before you move it.    **Resource:** [Check out these ideas!](https://www.extraspace.com/blog/home-organization/room-organization/design-ideas-for-upgrading-your-teens-bedroom/) | Try your hand at graphing your Facebook friends’ birthdays.  **Resource:** [Graphing Facebook Birthdays](http://ourjourneywestward.com/graphing-facebook-birthdays/) |
| **Movement/Outdoor Activity** | Catch a firefly and then go online to[learn more about fireflies](https://www.firefly.org/facts-about-fireflies.html) or read a book, such as [Fireflies](https://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0822530473/qid=1052178488/sr=1-42/ref=sr_1_42/103-5817201-8656632?v=glance&amp;s=books) by Sally M. Walker. To learn more complete the Education World [Firefly Facts](https://www.educationworld.com/a_curr/profdev073b.shtml) work sheet.  **Resource:** [Learn more about fireflies](https://www.firefly.org/facts-about-fireflies.html) | Record-breakers**:** Use a stopwatch to time yourself running, roller blading, swimming, or biking. Then try to beat your time. Be sure to keep the distance you’re moving the same for each trial. Graph the results. (You may need a partner for this.) | Make an obstacle course: Build an obstacle course in the yard with [balls, bats](http://amzn.to/1RXGFqn), and other gear you probably have lying around for some fun and exercise. | Make homemade bubbles and experiment with them.  Resource: [Bubble Solution](http://bubbles.org/solution/), [Bubble-Blowing Tools](http://bubbles.org/html/solutions/tools.htm) | Go on a [Light Walk](https://www.exploratorium.edu/bob-miller/light-walk), an outing designed to learn about the properties of light and facts about the sun. Bob Miller of the [Exploratorium](https://www.exploratorium.edu/) explains it all. Can't take an online tour? [Do your own image walk](https://www.exploratorium.edu/bob-miller/light-walk) by printing the directions and template found at the site. |
| **Arts Based Activity** | Create A Warhol-inspired project- using a template or your own photo  **Resource**: [Andy Warhol Art Project](https://thecraftyclassroom.com/crafts/famous-artist-crafts-for-kids/andy-warhol-art-project-for-kids/) | Recreate any picture using aluminum foil and Sharpie markers.  **Resource:**[Aluminum Foil Stained Glass Art](https://hiphomeschoolmoms.com/aluminum-foil-stained-glass-art/) | Create a chalk pastel. Use the free e-book full of art tutorials using chalk pastels.  **Resource:** [Getting Started in Chalk Pastel](http://www.southernhodgepodge.cohttps/www.chalkpastel.com/product/getting-started-chalk-pastel-art/m/getting-started-chalk-pastel-art-2/) | Create musical instruments from materials found around the house. Need help? Use resource.  **Resource:** [Musical Instruments](https://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/music/) | Create a decoration for one of your family members door- pull out the construction paper and create a name collage or a picture. **Resource:** [Editable My Name Collage Activity](https://www.createprintables.com/blog/editable-my-name-collage-activity/) |