

Home Educator *Express*



Hello, THSC Friend,

It's hard to believe that it's already August and Back to School time again!

Do you homeschool throughout the summer? We try to use the summer as a more relaxed catch up time with space for all the summery things that pop up - birthday parties, trips, church camps, etc.

This month we have some ideas to help you get in the mood to start up schooling in earnest again.

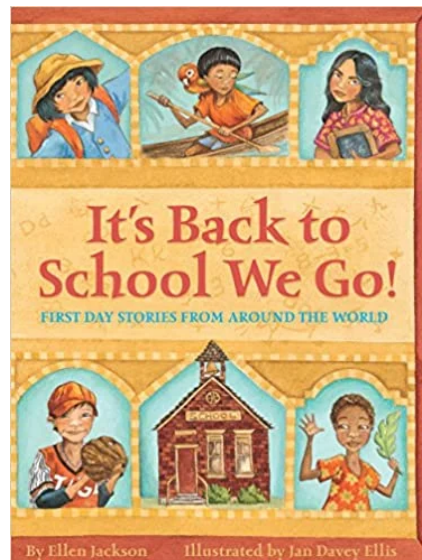
Below you'll find an article by my friend Heather with some amazing ideas to create new traditions in your home to make the start of the school year stand out. Different cultures have Back to School traditions, too.

🔍 Have you ever heard of a German "[Schultüte](#)" or "school cone"? It is filled with candy, surprises, and school supplies to help ring in the new school year. To me, it sounds like a Christmas stocking but with pencils, erasers, and the like!

🖋️ In Japan, students usually have an entrance ceremony on the first day of school where the principal gives “opening remarks encouraging the new students to have an enjoyable and rewarding experience in school.” Other talks are given from older students to younger students and then they all sing a song together.

☂️ In India, families ring in the first day of school - called “praveshanotshavan” or Admission Day - by giving students new umbrellas! The start of the school year lines up with when the rainy season there starts and it’s a way of communicating love and care for the students.

If you’re interested in learning more about Back to School traditions around the world, check out [*It's Back to School We Go!: First Day Stories From Around the World*](#) by Ellen Jackson and Jan Davey Ellis



I hope these ideas help you create an environment of joy in your home and in your homeschool overall.

Thank you for reading,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Lovett". The signature is stylized with a large, looping 'J' and a cursive 'L'.

Jessica Lovett
THSC Lead Editor & Writer

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*“Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. 8 You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.”*  
-James 5:7-8

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What Grades Are You Teaching?

Did you know that we have newsletters especially designed for elementary school, middle school, and high school students?

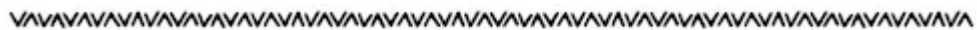
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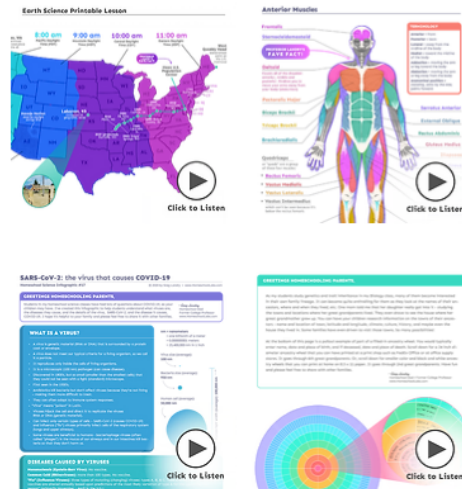
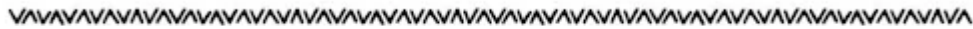
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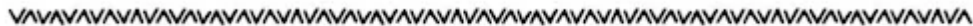
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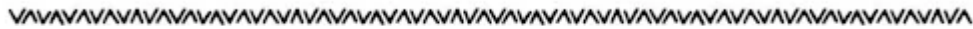
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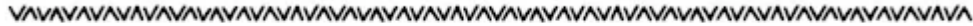


Back to School Traditions



Having a few traditions can make homeschooling feel special. This can help your child overcome the feeling of being left out when they see peers take part in common public school traditions. It also helps build relationships, memories, and excitement throughout the school year.

The following are a few tips that can be adapted to your homeschool for a unique, memorable, family experience. [Read on...](#)

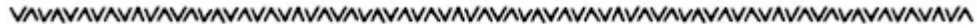


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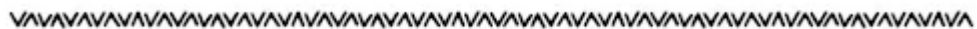
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Is your homeschool graduate looking for a way to become more involved in politics?

Are they passionate about making a difference in the world but you're not sure where to help them start?

The THSC Watchmen are a team of homeschool graduates who serve as legislative analysts and lobbyists for Texas' homeschool families. Every single legislative session, the THSC Watchmen work tirelessly to protect the rights of homeschool families.

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Mask mandates, Critical Race Theory, and the teaching of sexually explicit material are causing parents to step back and recognize what their children are being taught in public schools.

In a post-pandemic world, homeschooling continues to rise, and parents have become empowered to take charge of their children's education. We believe that parents have a God-given right to raise their children as they see fit, without government interference.

Check out this new, inspiring video showing real homeschooling families and what a difference being a part of a supportive community like THSC can truly mean!



THSC Member Community

Do you wish that there was a place where you could chat with like-minded homeschool parents? We are opening up a brand new Facebook group for both THSC members and non-members to be able to stay updated on important happenings in the homeschool community and help each other on their homeschool journey. Check it out today!



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