







Dear THSC Friend,

Have you started up the spring semester yet? It seems like the longer the holiday break, the harder it is to get started again sometimes! Here are some tips to help get the semester started again with the least amount of friction.

 **Consider starting with a half-day first.** Easing into things takes off the pressure on everyone to go from lounging around playing with new Christmas toys to doing a full load of schoolwork.

 **Decide to have a positive attitude!** Your kids will tend to mirror your attitude. If they see you grumbling about getting started again, they will start grumbling, too. On the other hand, if you [play happy music](#) and start the day with a smile and a hug for everyone, they'll be joyful, too.

 **Try to meal prep for the week.** Having some [freezer meals like these](#) ready to go helps relieve some responsibility as you try to get into the swing of math and science lessons again!

 **Try something new!** Exploring a new skill - like some of the examples below - can help add motivation to your students as you start back in again. What sort of things are they interested in that you can pursue?

New Skills to Try:

[Cake Decorating 101](#)

This is a beginning lesson that even the most beginning-est beginners can enjoy!



#CakeDecorating #KidsActivity
Easy Cake Decorating For Kids & Beginner



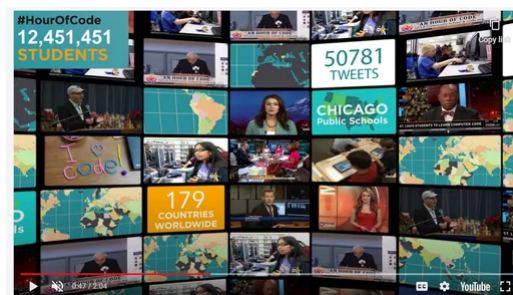
[Pixar in a Box](#)

This is a 100% free, behind-the-scenes look at how Pixar artists do their jobs.

You will be able to use math and science to animate bouncing balls, build a swarm of robots, and make virtual fireworks explode.

[Hour of Code](#)

Hour of Code is a one-hour introduction to computer science, using fun tutorials to show that anybody can learn the basics.



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

Thank you for reading,



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