



I DON'T USE PRINTABLES

Here's why & strategies to use instead

Reasons why you use printables & worksheets in your homeschool:

Focus on strategies that:

Strategies to use that work much better than worksheets

Teaching Content

Assessment

100+ Ways to Learn Without Worksheets

General Ideas for any Topic

- Narration
- Draw maps
- Notebooking
- File folder books
- Timelines
- Experiments
- Cereal box books
- Videos
- Nature walk
- Games
- Playacting
- Field trips
- Write a report
- Make a chart
- Create a diagram
- Poster
- Diorama
- Songs

Language Arts and Reading

- Storytelling: Encourage children to create and share their own stories.
- Reading Aloud: Read books together and discuss the plot, characters, and themes.
- Creative Writing: Have them write their own poems, stories, or even a journal.
- Letter Writing: Practice writing letters to friends or family members.
- Drama Play: Act out scenes from favorite books or create original plays.
- Word Games: Play games like Scrabble, Boggle, or word-building games.
- Comic Strips: Allow them to create their own comic strips.
- Story Sequencing: Use pictures or objects to practice sequencing events.
- Rhyming Games: Play games that involve finding rhyming words.
- Create a Book: Bind together their own illustrated book.
- Magnetic Poetry: Use magnetic words to create poems on the fridge.
- Reading Challenges: Set reading goals or challenges, like reading a book from every genre.
- Shadow Puppetry: Create and perform shadow puppet shows based on stories.
- Book Reviews: Encourage children to write and share reviews of their favorite books.
- Character Dress-up: Dress up as characters from a book and act out scenes.
- Newspaper Collage: Create collages using newspaper articles and headlines.
- Vocabulary Charades: Act out or draw clues for vocabulary words.

- Literary Scavenger Hunt: Search for specific items or themes in books.
- Poetry Slam: Have a poetry recital or slam with original or favorite poems.
- Story Cubes: Use story cubes to inspire creative storytelling.

Mathematics

- Cooking: Measure ingredients and discuss fractions while cooking.
- Math Games: Use board games or card games that involve math concepts.
- Counting Collections: Gather items and practice counting in groups.
- Nature Math: Count and categorize objects found in nature.
- Shape Hunt: Go on a shape scavenger hunt around the house or outdoors.
- Math Puzzles: Solve puzzles that involve mathematical concepts.
- DIY Board Games: Create their own board games incorporating math.
- Measurement Scavenger Hunt: Measure objects using different tools.
- Pattern Recognition: Look for patterns in everyday objects.
- Money Play: Use play money to learn about currency and basic transactions.
- Math Art: Create geometric art using mathematical patterns.
- Math Bingo: Play bingo with math problems instead of numbers.
- Data Collection: Collect and analyze data on favorite topics or preferences.
- Geometry in Nature: Identify geometric shapes in the environment.
- Math Story Problems: Turn everyday situations into math story problems.
- Fraction Pizza: Use paper to create pizzas and understand fractions.
- Estimation Jar: Fill a jar with objects and have children estimate quantities.
- Math Relay Races: Incorporate math problems into relay races.
- Math Board Games: Explore math concepts through board games.
- Math in the Kitchen: Measure ingredients and adjust recipes.

Science

- Nature Walks: Explore and observe plants, insects, and animals.
- Gardening: Learn about plants, growth, and ecosystems through gardening.
- Science Experiments: Simple experiments with household items.
- Weather Watch: Keep a weather journal and observe changes.
- Animal Classification: Sort animals into groups and learn about their characteristics.
- DIY Science Models: Create models to understand scientific concepts.
- Recycling Project: Learn about environmental responsibility through recycling.
- Observation Journal: Record observations of the sky, plants, or animals.
- Rock and Mineral Exploration: Collect and study different rocks and minerals.
- Kitchen Chemistry: Conduct safe experiments using kitchen ingredients.
- Bird Watching: Identify and learn about local bird species.
- Nature Artifacts: Collect and study natural artifacts like shells or feathers.
- Ecosystem Diorama: Create dioramas to represent different ecosystems.
- DIY Telescopes: Make simple telescopes and observe the sky.
- Biography of a Scientist: Research and present a biography of a famous scientist.

- Sound Science: Explore sound waves through DIY musical instruments.
- Solar System Exploration: Create models or drawings of the solar system.
- Insect Study: Observe and document the behavior of insects.
- Botany Journal: Study and draw plants and flowers in a journal.
- Physics with Paper Airplanes: Experiment with different paper airplane designs.

Social Studies

- Map Exploration: Study maps and create your own treasure maps.
- Timeline Creation: Create timelines of historical events or personal milestones.
- Cultural Exploration: Learn about different cultures, traditions, and customs.
- Community Helpers: Explore and discuss the roles of community helpers.
- Virtual Field Trips: Take virtual tours of museums, landmarks, and historical sites.
- Family Tree Project: Create a family tree and discuss family history.
- Country Studies: Pick a country to study its geography, history, and culture.
- Interviews: Interview family members or community members about their experiences.
- Postcard Exchange: Connect with other children around the world through postcards.
- Current Events Discussions: Discuss age-appropriate news and current events.
- Historical Dress-up Day: Dress up as historical figures and share about them.
- Geography Bee: Have geography quizzes or challenges.
- DIY Passport: "Travel" to different countries and create a passport with stamps.
- Timeline Collage: Build collages representing historical timelines.
- Cultural Potluck: Cook or share foods from different cultures.
- Economics and Business: Run a small business or explore economic concepts.
- Museum Creation: Design and create a personal museum with favorite items.
- Community Maps: Create maps of their own neighborhoods or communities.
- Storytelling Through Artifacts: Discuss history through objects or artifacts.
- Historical Fiction Writing: Write short stories set in different historical periods.

Arts and Crafts

- Art Appreciation: Explore famous artworks and discuss different art movements.
- DIY Craft Projects: Engage in various crafts using recycled materials.
- Sculpture Making: Create sculptures with clay or found objects.
- Nature Art: Use natural materials to create art, like leaf rubbings or rock painting.
- Music Exploration: Learn about different musical instruments and genres.
- Dance and Movement: Incorporate dance to express creativity and learn about rhythm.
- Puppet Shows: Create puppets and put on puppet shows.
- Photography Exploration: Use a camera to capture interesting moments.
- DIY Instruments: Create simple musical instruments from household items.
- Art Journaling: Keep an art journal to express feelings and thoughts through drawings and colors.
- Origami Creations: Learn and create origami figures.
- DIY T-shirt Painting: Design and paint their own T-shirts.

- Collaborative Murals: Create large-scale murals as a group project.
- Art Critique: Discuss and critique famous artworks or each other's creations.
- Photography Scavenger Hunt: Explore photography with a scavenger hunt.
- DIY Pop-up Books: Craft pop-up books to illustrate stories.
- Sensory Art: Explore different textures and materials in art projects.
- DIY Science Toys: Create toys that demonstrate scientific principles.
- Upcycled Art: Turn recyclable materials into art projects.
- Artistic Interpretation: Express emotions or concepts through art without words.