We home school exclusively and the best advice I have is check out Pinterest. There are tons of hands on activity ideas. We like getting dirty and “working” in the gardens.

I tried teaching kids how to write code!

Bake something every day

Spend one day reading every single picture book we have in the house

Declutter toys!

Listen to kid podcasts - we love Story Pirates and Smash Boom Best.

Play with cornstarch and water and cheap action figures

Find old favorites

Learn how to make a stuffed animal

Learn to make sushi!

Play sidewalk chalk outside

Get binoculars and learn about the birds near your house, look them up on google and search for their songs

Learn to make soap

Try stop motion animation with playdough

Find an app where you can animate anything from a drawing to a simple animation

Make tents and reading caves: flashlights, tidy snacks, books, and pillows!

Use a new art medium

Team up and really clean and organize each kid’s space, making a donation box for each.

Parent as a role model and practice

GoNoodle.com – Great for guided movement, relaxation, etc.

Collect a bunch of tape markers and cardboard boxes. That’ll keep them busy for a day or two.

Watch all the hands washing videos and competition videos. Discuss why good hygiene is so important.

Let them help you put on the dishes in-between playing games outside. They’ll be more likely to get them and we will set up to have our own starts this year.

Play with, or create, your own establishing sound track when doing chores. Those songs by Nickelback work for everyone.

We’ve done scavenger hunts, indoor treasure hunts where they follow clues through the house to a “treasure” at the end (could be candy, a movie, whatever), and a lot of charades.

Have the kids help with planting in between playing games outside. They’re little, but they like getting dirty and “working” in the gardens.

We have some extreme dot to dot books (1400 dots) that the kids love, especially the 5 year olds.

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