

Unplugged Ideas

..... for ages 8-12

1. Comic Book Writing: Fold paper together and make your own comic book.
2. Write a Song: Rewrite the lyrics to a favorite song.
3. School Games: Teach your family games that you know from school.
4. "I wonder" Journal: Make an "I wonder" journal to collect thoughts. What are all the things you wonder about? Example: "I wonder why moss is so spongy." "I wonder how plants grow." "I wonder how concrete is made."
5. Nature art: Using materials found all around the outside of your house, create a piece of art or a self-portrait. Think leaves as hair, moss as eyebrows, rocks as eyes, etc.
6. Pet Research: Want a pet? Research all the ways to be a good pet parent, present the information to your parents. Make a brochure, poster or a Power Point.
7. Make a code: Create your own alphabet code and write some secret notes (example - a is z, b is y, c is x etc.)
8. Expert Writing: You're already an expert in something. Write up information on that topic and present it to your family at dinner.
9. Paper Chain: Make a paper chain of days until you go back to school - write a funny joke or fun fact on each one.
10. Measure the House: Find the perimeter and area of your backyard/bedroom.
11. Be a Designer: Using your perimeter and area data, design the perfect backyard/bedroom for yourself.
12. Survey: Create a survey for your friends and family then graph the results
13. Do Interviews: Call a relative and interview them. Learn more about your family's history.
14. Write a Letter: Write a letter to someone you admire
15. Ask about a Job: Write a letter to someone who has the job you want and ask them questions. Find out what it takes to have that job.
16. Time Capsule: Build a time capsule to be opened in XX amount of years
17. Scavenger Hunt: Make a scavenger hunt for your family.
18. Be an Author: Loved a book? Write the sequel.
19. Make a Treasure Map: Make a treasure map to buried treasure in your yard or house
20. Learn a new card game: Learn card games like Rummy, Solitaire, and Hearts.
21. Build a tower: Make a tower from playing card or Index cards.
22. Make a Board Game: Design your own board game.
23. Recycled City: Build a city out of recyclables.
24. Paper Plane Competition: Research how to build the best paper airplanes and have a competition. Which flies farthest?
25. Boat Sink or Float: Build your own boat - use paper, LEGOs, etc. - and set it in water. Add 1 penny at a time until it sinks. How many did it hold?