



Tips to Supplement Your Child's Education

- **Reading is fundamental** – at every age and every stage!
 - Lots of ways (electronic, curbside/contactless, in-person) to access these resources at little to no cost
 - Comic books & graphic novels are reading too – encourage your child's interests regardless of the format or genre, as it still helps build literacy!
 - If your budget can support it, or as a gift suggestion for a relative, look in to monthly subscriptions to youth magazines or bookstore gift cards to promote reading
- **Plan a field trip!** These are beneficial for your family on many different levels
 - Explore locally or take a road trip – many adventures can be planned on a low budget
 - Involve your child in planning the trip to build interest and excitement;
 - you can incorporate nearly ANY lesson into a field trip including
 - e.g. create your own math word problems (if it is 28 miles to our destination and it took us 35 minutes to get there, what was our rate of travel, e.g.)
 - For tweens and teens, consider allowing them to choose from some options & also invite a friend along to maximize their engagement and foster important social time
- **Apps can be your friend & open new doors**
 - You don't have to be a parent scholar to help support your child at home! When you are unsure or a subject is beyond your expertise, apps may be a fantastic resource
 - Do your research & ask other parents for suggestions depending on your child's age, stage, and specific support needs
 - Sometimes an app is helpful as a "neutral 3rd party" when parent and child are both frustrated about a lesson – but still show your support by sitting down with your child to learn together!
 - Also feed your child's blossoming interests with apps that help them explore language, music, art skills and so much more!
- **Advice from a homeschool educator: *make life your classroom!***
 - The world is full of teachable moments and your day is full of them! For example, fold measuring into a baking session! Make a trip to the nursery into a horticulture lesson!
 - For younger learners, every moment is an opportunity to reinforce the basics such as counting, letters, colors, and new words. Continuously engage with your child throughout the day even as you are doing chores or running errands.
 - For older youth, let them drive the narrative. By following their interests, you will open yourself up to incredible learning opportunities and build their soft skills as well!