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KiwiCo is a game-changing company that has captured the hearts of homeschool families worldwide. If you're seeking a comprehensive and captivating approach to education, KiwiCo might just be the answer you've been looking for.

At the heart of KiwiCo's success lies its commitment to fostering a love for learning through hands-on exploration. With a diverse range of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) crates, KiwiCo seamlessly combines play and education to ignite children's curiosity and creativity. These thoughtfully designed crates are tailored to cater to different age groups, ensuring that every child gets the most out of their learning experience.

KiwiCo's curriculum revolves around a monthly theme, which keeps the excitement levels high for young learners. With step-by-step instructions and engaging content, children are encouraged to take charge of their education, making learning an empowering and rewarding journey.

KiwiCo stands out for its flexibility, catering to both kindergarteners eager to explore colors and shapes and middle schoolers interested in physics and engineering. These crates seamlessly integrate into your homeschool curriculum, serving as supplements to core subjects or standalone educational adventures.

KiwiCo's approach to learning goes beyond the traditional confines of a textbook. Children are encouraged to ask questions, think critically, and problem-solve through fun and exciting challenges. Every project is not only educational but also a delight for children of all ages.

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By making education an adventure filled with curiosity and creativity, KiwiCo empowers homeschoolers to become lifelong learners with a passion for discovery. If you're ready to unlock the world of learning for your child, KiwiCo is undoubtedly the perfect partner for your homeschool journey. Try your first month for free when you visit kiwico.com/homeschoolerguide

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21CCCS is fully accredited and provides a comprehensive education that addresses core academics along with the opportunity to participate in high-interest elective courses. This vast array of resources empowers parents to engage with the most suitable materials that align with their child's learning style, interests, and academic goals. Integrating technology through our asynchronous learning management system, interactive lessons, and virtual classrooms enhances the learning experience, making it compelling and dynamic.

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Inside each explorer box you'll find a fact-filled explorer booklet that will springboard your lesson plans into new territory each month. Your student will discover the culture and cuisine of the country they're exploring. You will also have access to our members-only online portal that includes educational resources like digital lesson plans, cooking videos and more!

Benefits of cultural learning through culinary arts:

- Cultural Awareness
- Diversity Appreciation
- Global Perspective
- Culinary Life Skills
- Health and Nutrition
- Language Development
- Curiosity and Exploration



Here are just a few ideas to get you started:

- **Science** of cooking and how and where the featured foods are grown.
- **Historical** connections to certain regions or people.
- **Geography** of the country.
- **Health** and how certain foods benefit our bodies.
- **Reading** recipe ingredient lists and directions out loud while someone else does the work.
- **Writing** stories about the meal and the country, describing the tastes, smells, and textures of new foods encountered.
- **Math** skills such as counting, using fractions, measuring, or doubling recipes.
- **Safety**-related information such as proper handling of raw meats, caution around hot surfaces and sharp utensils.
- **Music and Art** of the country. It's a perfect time to play regional music while you cook!





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What Is Inside a Monthly Ivy Kids Kit?

Over 12 fun, unique, and educational STEM activities inspired by the book of the month



IVY KIDS KITS: BOOK-INSPIRED STEM KITS

Ivy Kids is an award-winning, educational subscription-box company that creates book-inspired STEM kits for children ages 3-8. Each Ivy Kids kit includes a carefully selected, highly-rated children's book and over 12 fun, creative, and unique hands-on activities that are based upon the monthly story and characters.

Ivy Kids kits promote the development of math, science, literacy, engineering, and art skills through play and exploration. Every Ivy Kids kit includes a new book, guided learning instructions, bookmark reading guide, story retelling accessories, board games, literacy activities, science fact boards, crafting materials, art projects, math manipulatives, science experiments, engineering challenges, and many more activities inspired by the book of the month.

Each Ivy Kids kit provides adults with questions to structure a child's learning, as well as instructions on how to modify games to best suit each individual child. There are enough games and materials in each kit to engage and to stimulate a child cognitively throughout the month. Furthermore, the games can be replayed for years to come. To assure the quality of each kit, each activity has been tested and enjoyed by young children.

Everything you need to read, play, create, and learn is included in the kit and conveniently delivered right to you each month! Ivy Kids currently offers monthly, 3-month, and 6-month subscriptions. A large variety of individual past kits are also available for purchase in the Ivy Kids online store, no subscription necessary. Customers also have the option of adding extra sibling materials to a kit for only an additional \$7.95 (per sibling).

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Choose how often you want to receive kits to match your specific learning pace.



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Homeschool Adventure Kits

Cooper Kits are perfect for families who want to learn, laugh and grow together. Each adventure box is filled with STEM, art & crafts, books, character & EQ building, recipes and a collectible medallion that make school fun for everyone in your family!

Designed for families with kids in the 5 to tween range and can be done with multiple kids, making Cooper Kits versatile and a great value.

Exclusive for homeschooling families!

Homeschooling families have the option to choose their delivery schedule to match their learning pace. Choose between kits every 1, 2, or 3 months!

8 Promises in Every Cooper Kit

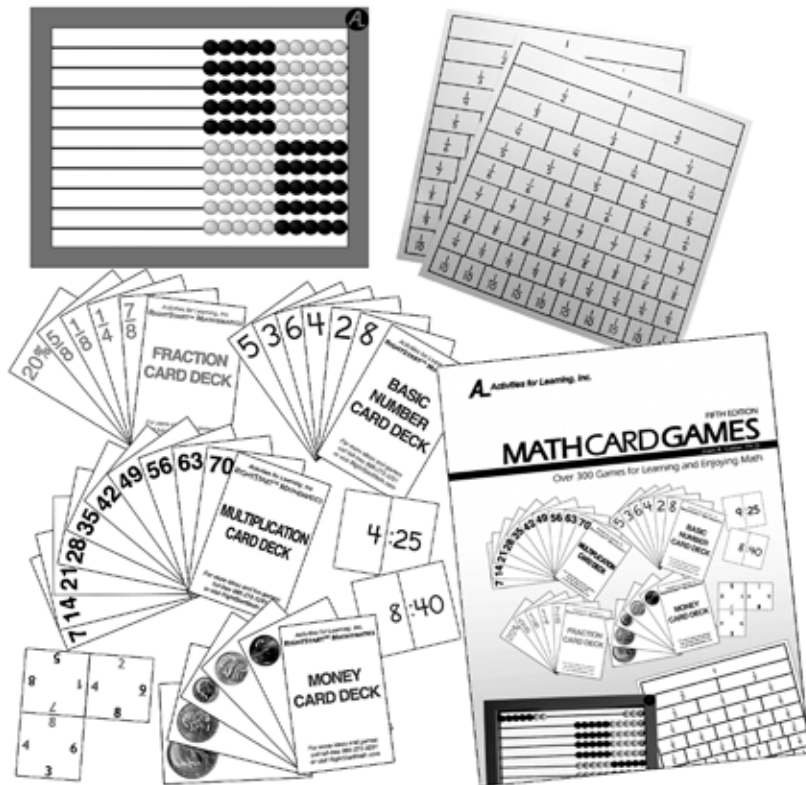
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- 5. Bedtime Storybook** - A book that matches your adventure is included in every kit!
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Math card games provide review and practice needed for quick and accurate responses. Since the games are in a social setting, math time now has excitement and joy, rather than the drudgery of completing worksheets in solitude. Ten to fifteen minutes of a game is equivalent to a worksheet, and more fun.

So, what games to play? Remember the game of Go Fish? Change up the rules and collect two cards that make 10. So, 1 and 9 make a pair, 2 and 8, 3 and 7, 4 and 6, and 5 and 5. It's the kind of game that the kids will play lots longer than you want to play. Have the older kids play the game with the littles. The olders are reinforcing and the littles are learning. Everyone's happy!

How about a fraction game? Remember the game of war where two cards are placed face up and the player with the greater number takes both cards? Let's use fractions. One player lays down $\frac{1}{2}$ and the other lays down $\frac{1}{4}$. Which is more? The player with the $\frac{1}{2}$ takes both cards.

Keep laying down cards and try to collect all the cards.

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Not a Scientist? Here's How to Raise Science Lovers Anyway

A lot of homeschooling parents shy away from teaching science because it seems like a “hard” subject to teach. But even though it seems impossible, you can foster a love of science in your children even without formal science training (and even if you barely passed high-school biology like I did).

How can a homeschooling parent teach science without formal training?

Because science does NOT provide all the answers. The goal of science is to look at the world in a new way. That's why science has no “right” answers. Science teaches us to be skeptical of what we know today so that past scientific “conclusions” can be modified when we understand more of our world. Teaching a child to think through the lens of science leads to discoveries that make a positive difference. And you don't need a science degree for that.

I must confess, I used to hate science. I thought it was the most boring subject in school. But in 2011, when my then 4-year-old daughter started asking questions about how the world works, I knew I needed to find a way to keep her curiosity alive so she wouldn't hate science like I did. It was difficult to find hands-on science experiments that were appropriate for 4-year-olds, so I started creating experiments that I knew would be entertaining and educational.

This strategy worked so well that soon other homeschooling parents were asking me for my lesson plans, and I found myself teaching science to a group of elementary kids and my daughters' girl scout service unit. I decided to put my activities online, and STEAMsational.com was born. Since the founding of STEAMsational.com in 2011, I have worked as a STEM curriculum developer, author, speaker, and teacher. In these roles, I've been able to help over 100,000 homeschooling parents, teachers, and organizations make science the most fun part of the day.

I created the Jarring Science Club as a hub for homeschooling parents to find low-cost, low-prep science lesson plans that work with multiple children of various ages who need to learn at the same time. The Jarring Science Club is filled with 100s of hands-on science lessons loved by 1000s of kids aligned with Next Generation Science Standards so your children will be able to ace any standardized science test with ease.

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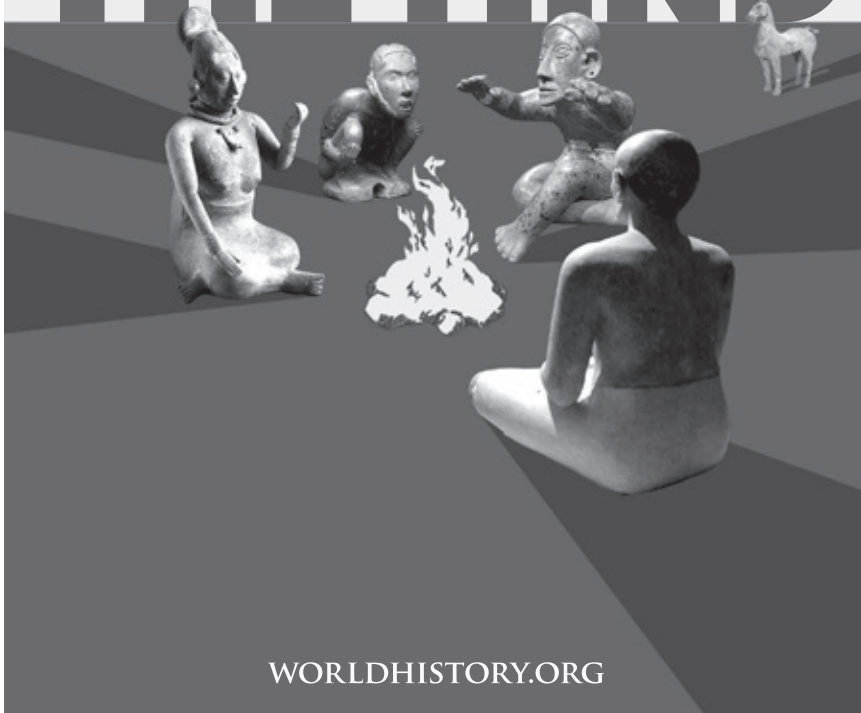
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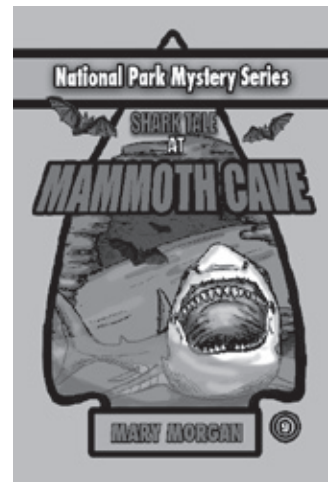
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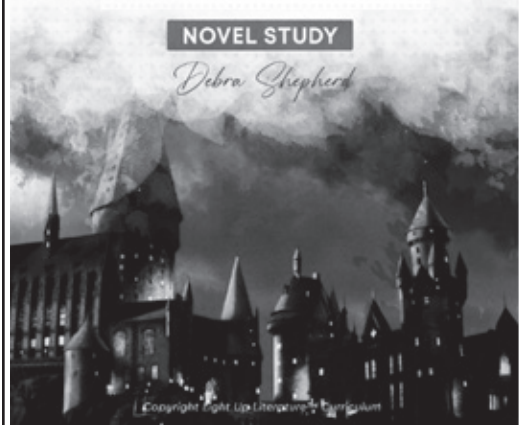


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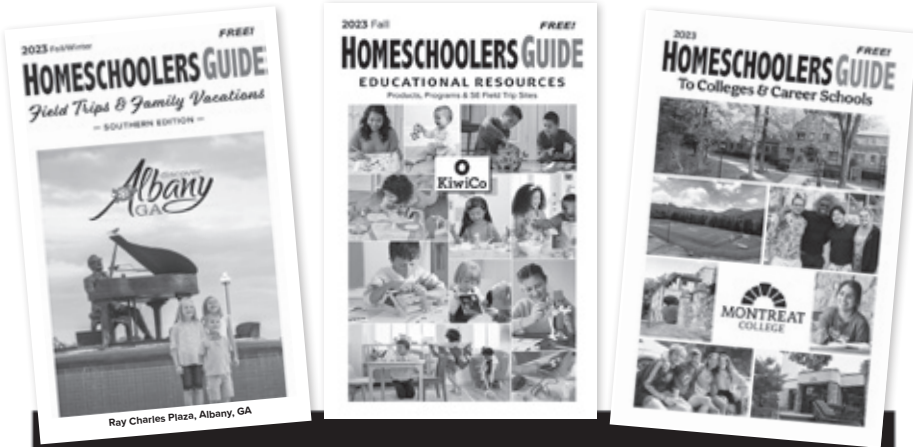
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