



Five Awesome Backyard "Stay-Cation" Ideas

Your family's vacation plans may have changed drastically this summer, but you can still take a break, unwind and build some amazing memories as you move into fall! These [five staycation ideas](#) will make staying home feel almost as good as getting away from it all.

National Read a Book Day Bookmark Craft

National Read a Book Day is one of our favorite days of the year! Celebrate with your child [by creating this bookmark](#) together.*

Materials

- Bookmark coloring pages
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors
- Packing tape
- Glue stick

Instructions

1. Print the bookmark image, and have your child color it.
2. Cut out both sides of the image, and glue the backs together to make a two-sided bookmark.
3. Use strips of clear packing tape to laminate both sides. When you're finished, choose a book and start reading!

**An adult should oversee all the activities. The activities may not be appropriate for all ages.*



How to Set Up A Child's Room for Playful Learning

Setting up your child's room can be so much fun, but it can also be a lot of work. Don't worry - you likely already have more than you need. The two most important considerations are safety and fun. Your child will learn by exploring, imagining and playing. Lee Scott, a member of The Goddard School's Educational Advisory Board, [has these tips to get you started](#).



Five Fall Crafts Your Children Will

Love

Leaves are falling, the weather is getting cooler and Thanksgiving will be here before you know it! Celebrate fall with your child by [completing these fun crafts together](#) that inspire thankfulness and autumnal joy.



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