

MAKE IT AWESOME

BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST FOR KIDS

Here are a few ideas for the first week of school to help make it awesome!

- FIRST DAY PHOTOS**
Whether learning from home or at school, celebrate by taking a “first day of school” picture of your child. Stuck at home? Embrace it with pics in your PJs, etc. Then post it and use #wscckids #firstdayofschool.
- STORY TIME**
Set aside some intentional time to read *Oh The Places You’ll Go!* by Dr. Seuss or your favorite school themed book before the first day.
- THEME VERSE**
Choose a theme verse for the year for each of your kids. Write it or print it out in a decorative way for them to keep in their room. Talk about why you chose that verse for them specifically.
- CHOOSE YOUR EMOJI**
Download this coloring and prayer activity (link below) to help kids process their feelings about the start of school.
- DIY AWESOME SAUCE**
Everyone loves slime! Make your own concoction that’ll be a reminder to make school awesome this year.
- PARENT LETTER**
Write a letter to your kid that they can keep as an encouragement throughout the school year. See samples online at the link below.
- WORD CLOUD**
Ask others for words that describe your child. Use wordclouds.com to make a word cloud that celebrates your favorite qualities about them. Hang it in a special place.
- FAMILY PIZZA PARTY**
Celebrate the first week of school with pizza and a movie! Take some time to talk about how the first week of school went and what they have to be grateful for.

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for additional links and resources.

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BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST FOR STUDENTS

Here are a few ideas for the first week of school to help make it awesome!

- THEME VERSE**
Choose a theme verse for the year for each of your students. Write it or print it out in a decorative way for them to keep in their room. Talk about why you chose that verse for them specifically.
- FIRST DAY PHOTOS**
Whether learning from home or at school, celebrate by taking a “first day of school” picture of your student. Stuck at home? Embrace it with pics in your PJs, etc. Then post it and use #wscstudents #firstdayofschool.
- TABLE TALK**
Family time is important this week. Make a meal and enjoy it together around the kitchen table. Talk about how school is going so far!
- CREATE A SPACE**
At school or at home, help your student create a space that helps them focus on learning...free of distractions. HGTV to the rescue!
- ENCOURAGEMENT NOTES**
Everyone needs encouragement this week! Encourage your student to write out encouraging post it notes and stick them on lockers or around your house.
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- WEEKEND DATE NIGHT**
You made it through the first week of school! Take each student out for some alone time, grab some ice cream or coffee and talk about how the first week of school went and what they have to be grateful for!

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