



B. 6.-PROJECTS



1.- Time Capsule



Need a simple project for those itchy, edgy, first few days Back to School?

- Have your child assemble this **Back-to-School Time Capsule**.
- By adding to it each year, s/he can create a book of memories and milestones. Imagine a fifth grader looking back on what she liked and disliked in the summer before second grade; it would give him/her a great feeling of personal

growth--and no doubt a good laugh!

- Transform blank ring notebook into a time capsule by decorating pages so that they record both what the summer was like as well as hopes for and thoughts about the coming school year. For example, your children might include photos from summer camp/holidays and also write about the sports team they'll play on at school this year. Check out the starter list below for more sample ideas.



■ **STARTER LIST**

- **Write the year on the first page!!!!**

The best thing that happened this summer (a drawing, a photo or a few words)

What I like to collect (show it or write it)

Vacation photos

Hand- or footprint, in washable tempera paint

Drawing or photo of my best friend

Best movie I saw this summer
My favourite song
My favourite meal
My favourite sport
My favourite book
Invitation from a birthday party I attended this summer
Postcard(s)
Pressed flowers or leaves
A scrap of my favourite summer T-shirt (these are usually too stained and stretched out to last another season anyway)
Sand from the beach (glue on)
School subject I love most
School subject I love least
Best thing I've heard about the coming school year
My new teacher's name
What I'm most afraid of
What I'm proudest of
I like ____

2.- Pizza Box Portfolio



Here's another way to preserve those prized possessions (artwork by your kids). Store them in a pizza box portfolio!

Ask for an unused pizza box at your local pizza parlor. If you like, build the box inside-out so that the pizza shop's logo is on the inside. Reinforce the corners with packing tape if needed. Have your children decorate the top of the box and write her/his name, grade and the year on the side. Pizza box portfolios stack neatly or stow conveniently everywhere! Pepperoni not included.

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Book Covering Party-Arts & Craft



Turn book covering into an arts and crafts session !

When textbooks have been handed out but the homework hasn't yet piled up, it's prime time for a little book beautification.

** Set out a bunch of covering materials (see ideas below), some scissors, a pencil, a ruler, maybe some munchies and drinks, and let the kids hit the books.

1. Jeans *PANTS POCKET COVER*

This cover is ideal for carrying cargo such as pens and milk money. Cover the book (see directions below), then cut a pocket off an old pair of jeans pants and attach it to the cover with double-sided tape.

2. DESIGNER BAG COVER

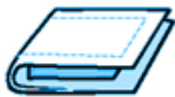
For those kids with a favourite clothing store or designer, here's an easy, inexpensive way to give their textbooks style. Flatten a bag from the store and fold it around the book using the directions below.

TIPS: Step A (below) is the time to centre the words or pictures you'd like to show. If you use a plastic bag, tape each fold in place.

3. PEN AND PAD COVER

This cover makes jotting down homework assignments easier than kindergarten. Start with a covered book. To create the pen holder, cut a 15 cm piece of 3/4-inch-wide electrical tape. Stick a 1 1/4-inch piece of tape to the centre of the 6-inch piece (sticky sides together). Next, wrap the non-sticky part around your pen and attach the sticky ends to the edge of the cover. Repeat to make the second band. Attach a Post-it note pad to the inside flap of the book cover with double-sided tape or a glue stick.

TIP: Use one half or one third of a pad if it's too bulky.



A. Fold paper in half around a closed book. Crease the paper sharply around all edges of the book.



B. Remove the book and trim the paper--leaving a 2- to 3-

inch margin around the creased rectangle.

(**TIP:** Measure and mark the margin with a ruler and a pencil before you cut.)



C. Fold in the top and bottom edges of the paper along the lengthwise crease lines. Then fold in the right and left edges of the paper along the side crease lines.



D. Slide the front cover of the book into the folded paper "sleeve" along the left edge of the paper cover. Repeat with back cover and right side.

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS FOR OTHER COOL COVER-UPS:

Old movie posters (ask at your local video store)

Fabric (use tape to hold the folds in place)

Old road map

Wrapping paper

Newspaper comics

Brown or coloured paper

Con-Tact paper (do not remove adhesive backing; this will damage the book)

Heavy Tinfoil



4.-

Personalize notebooks

with your favourite photo.

CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Notebook
- Self-adhesive vinyl photo pocket

- Favourite photo, postcard, or piece of artwork

Time needed: 30 Minutes or Less

1. All it takes is a self-adhesive vinyl photo pocket to transform a notebook cover into a frame for your children's favourite photo, postcard, or piece of artwork.



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Handy Placeholders

Forgot what you read last? Pick up right where you left off with this handy placeholder.

CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Craft foam
- Scissors
- Glitter glue

Time needed: Under 1 Hour

1. Trace around your children's hands onto a piece of craft foam and cut out the shape. Use colourful glitter glues to polish the nails and paint on jewellery.