

Making Homework Authentic Through Choice

Social Studies

- Register to vote/Accompany your parent to the voting booth
- Talk to an adult and ask if registered to vote. If so, does he/she vote (why/why not).
- Write a letter to an elected official...
- Go to an ethnic restaurant/festival...
- Current events/politicians
- Visit a local/state/national monument
- Follow politician/historian/world leader (i.e. the Pope) on Twitter (then @ mention that person)

Science

- Go outside and view the stars/planet/meteor shower/eclipse
- Bake something
- Read about a new invention/discovery in 2015
- Talk to a health care professional about importance of science in his/her career (engineer, etc.)
- Go to the zoo/a farm (animal or crop)/orchard
- Take a picture of a rock/bird/animal/leaf and identify it
- Follow a scientist/engineer/doctor on Twitter (then @ mention that person)

Math

- Go shopping with a parent (grocery or clothing/toy) and show one way that your parent was able to save money
- Math apps: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/cuethink/id827569094?mt=8>
- Start a lemonade stand and make as much money as you can: <http://www.coolmath-games.com/0-lemonade-stand>
- "Buy" a car and calculate the monthly payment on a 5-year loan <http://teachertech.rice.edu/Participants/bchristo/lessons/carpaymt.html>

Technology

- Make a Vine video
- Use twitter to connect/converse with someone in tech field
- Create a podcast about "how to" do something
- Use Photoshop to edit a picture that you would hang in your home
- Play a video game and then write up 3 changes/improvements you'd make to the game
- Create an app for an iPad/tablet

ELA

- Talk with someone in the career area you want to go into about how he/she uses English in his/her job.
- freerice.com - play it
- Read a book to a child/family member
- Write a letter to the editor about a current event/topic
- Read a book for fun
- Read a magazine/article/the news - share something you learned
- Create a to-do list/chores chart for you and those in your house
- Find an article about a current event in science, math, or social studies/ civics and read it. Write down your thoughts/what you learned.
- Play an online game: http://www.uen.org/3-6interactives/lang_arts.shtml

Health

- Exercise for 30 minutes - show yourself doing it/film yourself
- Write down what you eat in a day and then reflect on it
- Find something that promotes making good choices in health and bring it in
- Do yoga
- Chart how many hours of sleep you get in a night every day for a week
- Spend some time with your family doing something you enjoy together

Choice = Powerful
Choice = Opportunity

Connect to real world = Relevance