

As an unprecedented school year comes to a close, parents are nearing the finish line of a remote learning experience with mixed emotions. Whether they've struggled, coasted on fumes or found a new interest and joy in homeschooling their child, the nation's largest homeschool community [Classical Conversations](https://www.classicalconversations.com), offers 27 ways to end the homeschool year strong.

- 1 Focus on what is important - evaluate/reevaluate your family mission statement/goals.
- 2 Do school outside.
- 3 Don't worry about finishing every text book.
- 4 Reflection/Celebration on the year - wherever your kids were, look at them as this whole person whom you've become closely acquainted with through this crisis - look at how far you've come!
- 5 Plan for an interest-based summer.
- 6 Scrapbook the year. Include favorite papers, celebrations of tests, pictures. (Let the kids take this one!)
- 7 Plan for portfolios/assessments for state requirements. Gather materials.
- 8 Pick a hard-stop date and when you reach it, stop, guilt-free!
- 9 Tape a dollar bill in the back of their workbooks/textbooks that you plan to finish.
- 10 Plan for rest.
- 11 For variety and new life, change your schedule up.
- 12 Return books to the library before the fines getcha!
- 13 Celebrate each victory as each subject drops off.
- 14 Discover audiobooks to enjoy over the summer.
- 15 Plan your "COVID-Couldn't Do" list - where will you go? what will you do?
- 16 Fellowship with your fellow homeschool friends. Be intentional.
- 17 Are there documentaries you can watch that cover similar material as text books?
- 18 Taper your days and build in small rewards.
- 19 Set short goals and reward yourself.
- 20 Take an afternoon off and get a treat.
- 21 Do your schoolwork on the trampoline, swing set, park, in a tree, on a RipStik.
- 22 Get messy! Do science projects outside.
- 23 Do science projects or other culminating projects with other families virtually.
- 24 Put away writing and turn an essay into a conversation/presentation, etc.
- 25 Do a family-style radio show reading through a literature book/story.
- 26 Touch up transcripts.
- 27 Take end of the year pictures.