

Thanking You

Laura L. of North Dakota has found a surefire way to teach her carschoolers the art of saying “Thank you.” “When we travel long distances (usually during the holidays), I bring along stationery and envelopes for the ride home. The kids write (or draw) thank-you notes while their enthusiasm for the gift is still fresh. I bring along an address book, too, and we mail our thank-you notes at post offices we pass along the way.”

Silly Sign Sentences

Give a paper and pencil to each player. Designate one person to be the Caller, and for a period of three minutes have the Caller call out words on passing road signs. Players write the words down and have five minutes to use all the words in one complete sentence containing a subject, verb, and object. The person who uses the most words to create a complete sentence that makes sense wins that round.

It’s Magnetic

Carschoolers like to play with magnetic manipulatives, which are great tools to reinforce spelling and writing skills. Even the most reluctant spellers and writers will begin to fashion new words, phrases, sentences, and even poetry while riding in the backseat. Carschooling mom Kimberly had this to say:

Why leave the magnetic letters, words, and poetry on the fridge? Some cars have places where the magnetic words will stick. If you can’t find a place in your car, try using an upside down cookie baking sheet. It’s fun to create words and poems with letter and word magnets while you’re tooling down the highway.