

Tweens & Teens

The basics don't change for older kids — keep it small, real, and on their terms.

1

Hand Them the Wheel

Let them choose what to dig into, and when. At this age, ownership is the fuel that makes learning stick.

Try this: Ask what they want to get better at this summer, then get out of the way.

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Tie It to Real Life

A summer job, a budget, cooking, driving, a passion project — it all teaches, even when it doesn't look like school.

Try this: Let them plan a meal budget, or manage their own savings for something they want.

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Screens Can Count

Articles, audiobooks, podcasts, documentaries, coding — meet them where they already are.

Try this: Ask them to share a podcast or video that taught them something interesting.

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Connection Still Wins

Ask about their world instead of quizzing them on it. Trust opens the door to everything else.

Try this: Trade the "how was school" question for "what's something you're into right now?"

Remember: with older kids, your job isn't to teach every day — it's to keep curiosity alive and stay connected.