Gifted kids can be a joy to teach when you know how to identify what engages them. These 50 tips and tricks are great to have in your back pocket. These times allowed for encouragement and allowed kids to be nurtured in an environment where trying something new was the goal. Summer camp allowed me to be myself and try new things.

34. Solve Local Problems. We tend to teach to the middle. And anyone who is "behind or beyond the curve" is in need of greater differentiation. Thanks for this comprehensive list.

Inspire your kids' culinary appetite by having them grow their own veggie (or herb) garden. Backyard Safari has several Egg Carton Garden kits which include 6 different heirloom seed varieties, starter soil, growing instructions and journal, wooden ID stakes and an egg carton planter. The Pizza Garden Kit is a favorite as it produces tomatoes, basil, oregano, peppers, scallions and Italian parsley that kids can eventually use to create a fresh, delicious pizza!

We're partial to the Wild Kratts series (or check out the Kratt brothers' earlier hit, Zoboomafoo) that teaches kids all about animals in such an entertaining way that they don't even realize they're learning (editor's note: my son still pulls out some jaw-dropping animal facts he remembers from watching these).

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