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Dear Reader,

Another month has passed and here we are again! I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are truly enjoying your summer! It's been in the 90s for about a week. Needless to say, I purchased a box of freezer pops for the kiddos to help them beat the heat! As the summer months roll on, remember to keep yourself hydrated. Also remember to apply a high SPF skin protectant if you are going to spend time in direct sun. If you have outdoor pets, remember to keep plenty of fresh water for them and to check on them often.

Alright, let's get this started!



### Another Year Complete

On June 3rd, we celebrated our eldest daughter, Kasidy, in reaching a goal she had been striving for since kindergarten – Graduation! We held the event at the community center and invited our close friends and family to attend. Be sure to check out Generation Homeschool for the blog post about it, to see photos, and to read more about the event.



### Upcoming Events

July 4

Independence Day

July 17

National Ice Cream Day

July 24

Amelia Earhart Day

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### Want to share?

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## Homeschool News

### How Do Homeschoolers Measure Up?

According to the National Home Education Research Institute (NHERI), the world of homeschooling meets or exceeds in large degree when compared with public schools. Along with many other cited facts, Dr. Brian D. Ray states with regard to success in the “real world” of adulthood,

*“The research based on adults who were home educated is growing; thus far it indicates that they:*

- *participate in local community service more frequently than does the general population,*
- *vote and attend public meetings more frequently than the general population*
- *go to and succeed at college at an equal or higher rate than the general population*
- *by adulthood, internalize the values and beliefs of their parents at a high rate*

One can easily see the varying levels of achievement when looking at college graduates. However, many employers might overlook those who are homeschooled by simply looking at college credits and degrees. It is my opinion that employers should also inquire on where the potential employee learned their basics – because a house built on a weak foundation will certainly crumble.

You can read more of Dr. Ray’s findings by visiting the [NHERI website](#).

### SPOTLIGHT: Homeschoolers Perspective on Homeschooling

In the US, we place a number on everything – from the size of our clothes to the meal we order at McDonalds. For homeschooling, there are also numbers. These numbers – or statistics – provide better information regarding how well homeschooled children perceive their education and whether or not they compare well with public or privately schooled children. In her dissertation, Olivia Carson uses surveys from 131 children in the public, private, and homeschooled sector to identify various views from those reporting to better understand a homeschoolers perspective on homeschooling. When you get a little time, be sure to [read her work](#). It is well written and easy to follow.



Subscriber Freebie on the last page!



### Links and Free Resources

Be sure to check out [Generation Homeschool](#) for the newest freebies for kids and parents!

### For the Teacher

Do you remember the very first day you taught homeschool? Did all things seemed to move in a surreal pace? Or perhaps the time was spent so quickly, you can barely remember.

When days and weeks turn into months and years, our memories begin to fade. That’s why I choose to keep a journal. When going over morning plans, coffee in my grasp, a few minutes to journal helps ease my mind, and makes for great reading in the future!

# TOT MILK JUG



from [sixsistersstuff.com](http://sixsistersstuff.com)

- fresh strawberries
- cool whip
- colored sugar

Dip strawberries in cool whip  
Then gently coat bottom portion of cool whip  
with colored sugar.

From [timefortheholidays.net](http://timefortheholidays.net)

The site that originally hosted this beauty  
is no longer online, but it appears to be  
fairly simple to create!  
Get out your ingenuity and WOW your  
guests with this remarkable holiday  
creation!



From [stylemotivation.com](http://stylemotivation.com)

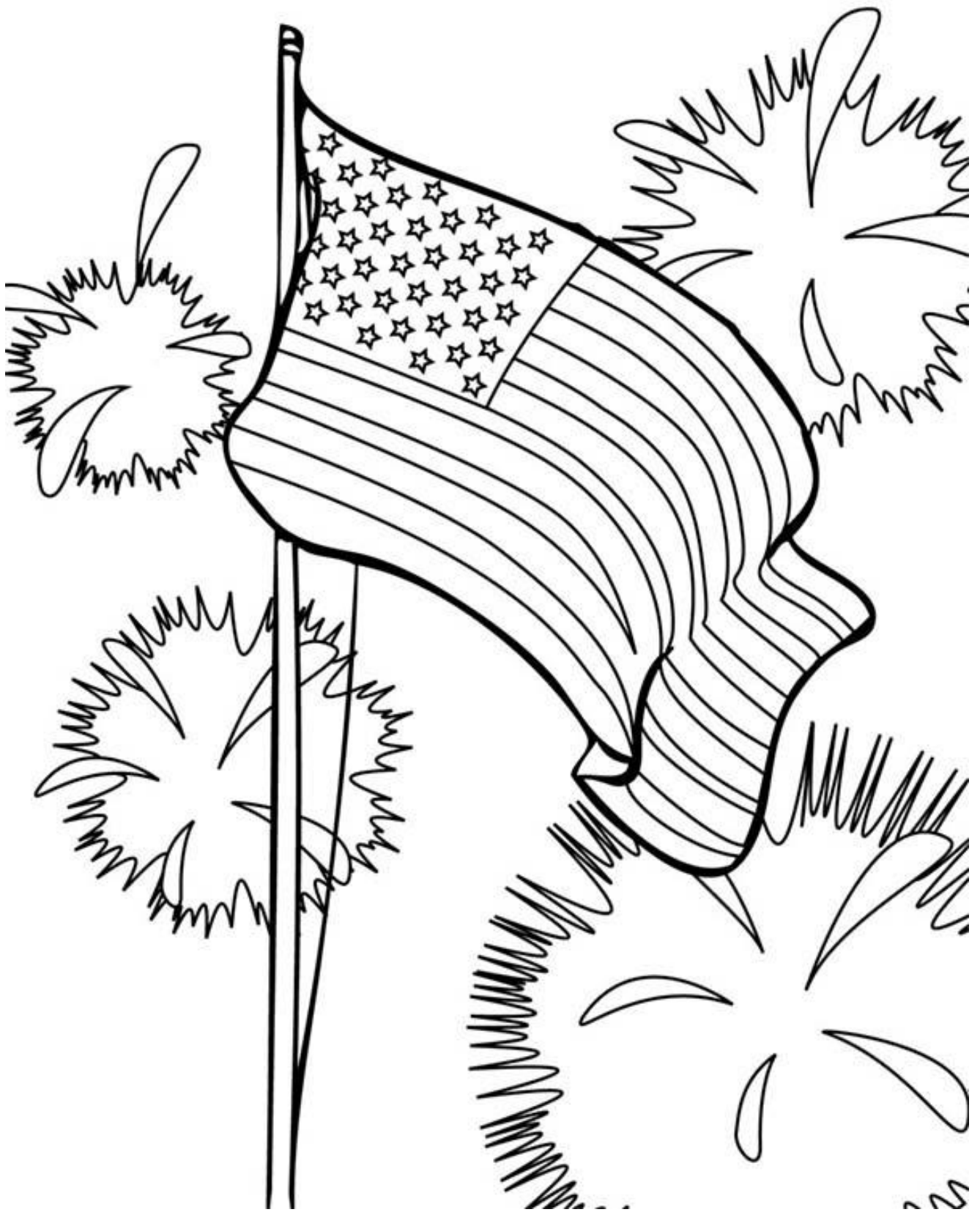
Keep it simple with this quick treat! Pretzel  
rods, a little food coloring, and some vanilla  
almond bark make for a festive snack.



From [spicedblog.com](http://spicedblog.com)

Or, section out a white cake mix and color  
with food coloring to make a sweet holiday  
Bundt cake.





From [colorkiddo.com](http://colorkiddo.com)