

## Back to School Shopping Guide 2014

*We've got you covered for Back to School in this Shopping Guide. We've picked a wide range of our favorite products to get your kids off to a winning start this year. Please note that some of the selections are from our sponsors and some contain affiliate links.*



# School and Homework Supplies

Back to School Shopping usually starts with getting kids stocked up on essentials they need at school and for homework. Here are our top picks...

1. Trapper Keeper



2. Lunch Box



10. Pens, Pencils etc.



3. Backpack



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### School Supplies

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9. Notebooks



8. Gloves (for the Teacher)



11. Student Planner



4. Paper



7. Post-it Notes



6. Desk Organizer



5. Calculator

## Here's where to find these supplies...

### 1. **Trapper Keeper**

Give you kids tools like a [Trapper Keeper](#) to stay organized at school.

### 2. **Cute lunch box**

We love these personalized lunch boxes from [I See Me!](#)

### 3. **Character backpacks are fun for young kids**

[Target](#) has great prices on backpacks and lots of character options.

### 4. **Stock up on printer paper**

While you're at Target, pick up this [multipurpose paper](#).

### 5. **Calculator**

Did you know you can get a [calculator at Dollar Tree](#) for just a dollar?

### 6. **Desk Organizer**

Your kids can keep their supplies organized with this [coated wire organizer](#).

### 7. **Post-it Notes**

We love [Post-it Notes](#)! Stock up at Target.

### 8. **Clean Ones**

Did you realize that gloves are on many teachers' wish-list of school supplies. Make your child's teacher happy with a pair of [Clean Ones](#).

### 9. **Notebooks**

Of course you need to buy notebooks, so pick up these at [Dollar Tree](#).

### 10. **Pens, Pencils etc.**

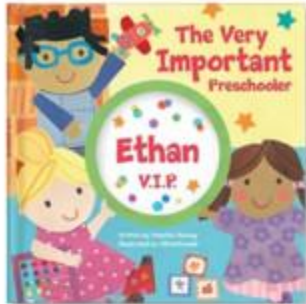
You can't have enough pens, pencils, tape, glue etc. Pick them up at [Dollar Tree](#).

### 11. **Student Planner**

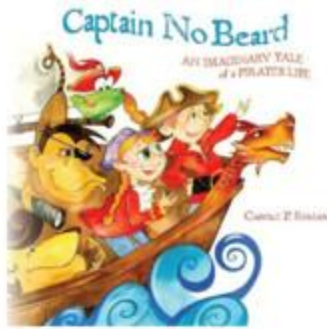
Keep your student on task with a [Mead academic planner](#).

# Books and Activities

There's more to learning than textbooks. Here are some of our favorite book and activity selections for preschool and primary grades...



1. Personalized Books to Introduce School



2. Fun Books for Home Reading



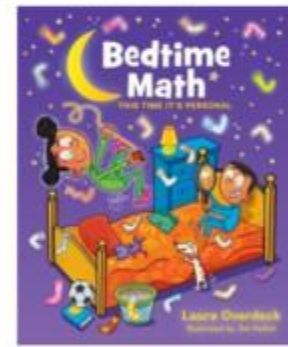
3. Arts & Crafts Activities for Home



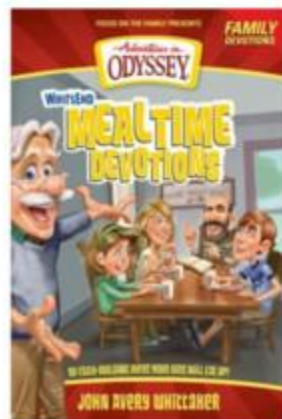
7. Trivia and Facts

## Back to School Shopping Guide Books & Activities

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4. Extra Learning Made Fun



6. Mealtime Devotions



5. Stickers for Lunch Box Notes

## Here's where to find these books and activities...

### 1. **Personalized books to introduce school.**

[Personalized books](#) are favorites at any time of year, but this [I See Me! book](#) would be such a fabulous way to start your child off at preschool.

### 2. **Get your early readers excited to read with creative stories.**

My girls love the imaginative story lines in the [Captain No Beard](#).

### 3. **Arts & Crafts kit delivered to your home.**

When life gets busy during the back to school season, you'll love having the [Ivy Kids Crafts Kits](#) arrive with everything your kids need for fun, educational crafts on the weekend.

### 4. **Extra learning tools that emphasize fun.**

It's important to keep math fun and [Bedtime Math](#) is a wonderful way to get kids into the habit of thinking about math a little each day.

### 5. **Stickers for lunch box notes.**

Remember to stock up on cute stickers to put on notes for your children's lunches. We love these from [Faith that Sticks](#).

### 6. **Mealtime Devotions.**

It's a wonderful idea to use dinnertime for [family devotions](#).

### 7. **Trivia and Facts books.**

Kids are naturally curious so let them find hundreds of answers in [TIME for Kids Big Book of When](#).

# Don't Forget These Important Extras...

Once you've got pens, pencils, notebooks and the other basic school supplies, you might think you're done. But here are some other essentials you might want to consider...

1. Laptop or Tablet



2. Skin Care Products



6. Toy for Recess



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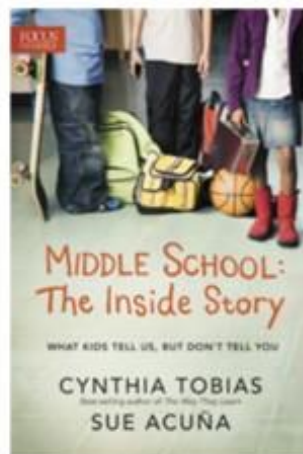
5. Scooter



3. Sunscreen



4. Parenting Book



## Here's where to find these important extras...

### 1. Laptop or tablet

Laptops and tablets have really come down in price. If your child is constantly asking to borrow your computer, perhaps it's time she has her own. This [ASUS Transformer Book Detachable 2-in-1 Touchscreen Laptop](#) is a great choice.

### 2. Skin care products

The start of a new school year is a great time to talk to your preteen or teenager about properly caring for their skin and wearing deodorant. The conversation is important for both boys and girls. For girls, we recommend the natural products at [Good For You Girls](#).

### 3. Sunscreen

Summer may be over, but the sun still shines and damages skin. Make sure your kids apply sunscreen in the morning and take it to school to reapply at recess and lunch. Girls will love [Sparkle Screen by GlitterTots](#).

### 4. Parenting books

Understanding our kids is always tough. But as they grow older and hit new milestones – like entering middle school – you need to pay extra attention. If your child is nearing or currently in middle school, you'll want to read [Middle School: The Inside Story](#). It offers practical, hands-on advice for helping your child through this difficult life stage.

### 5. Scooter to get to and from school

When we chose scooters for our kids, we went with kick scooters so they had exercise while having fun. We also appreciate the affordable price of [Razor kick scooters](#).

### 6. A small toy for recess that fits easily in a backpack

Consider getting a new toy that's not electronic and can provide an alternative to "screen time" and can easily fit in your child's backpack for recess or an after-school care program. We think these [Star Wars Yomega Yo-Men Yoyos](#) and [Kendama Pro](#) will be huge hits for kids.

If you've stocked up with all these Back to School essentials, your kids will be all set for the new school year.

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