



The best students are often the most organized students (at least we hope!). We found two great student planners your kids will love using to stay on track for the entire school year. **The Wimpy Kid School Planner** will keep kids entertained with quips from Greg Heffley and gang, \$14.95, while the return of Mead's iconic **Trapper Keeper student planner** makes organizing a snap. \$7.50. Imagine your kids never losing a permission slip again!



Industrial color school lockers do nothing to reflect the personality of their inhabitants—until you open the inside. Check out LockerLookz **magnetic whiteboard**, \$6.99; lockerlookz.com and at specialty shops including Becky and Me Toys in Evanston. We also really like Mead Five Star's **all-in-one design dry erase board** because it also includes a mirror and storage pocket. The giant slam-resistant magnets will stay in place. \$5.99.



The stylus will become more common as more schools move to touchscreen devices in the classroom. Marblue will make every mom happy with its **slap-band stylus** to keep the kid and stylus connected. \$14.99, gomarblue.com.



Nothing says back-to-school like a bunch of new pens. Pilot is a go-to with its **Go-2 gel ink pen** in 14 colors (\$3.38-\$7.46), the environment-saving **B2P pens** (\$2.88-\$4.99) that recycles six plastic bottles for every dozen pack of pens, and the **FriXion Clicker**, the first retractable erasable pen (\$4.87-\$5.99)



PRODUCTS



Elmer's is out with special products just for preschoolers. We like that the **glue pen and glue stick** are great for small hands, that they are made to create less mess and are non-toxic and washable. \$12; available in Target, Wal-Mart and Michaels.

The LaLaLounger created quite a buzz in our offices when it arrived. Everyone who sees the giant pillow wants it. This is a fun addition to the house to give kids a fun, relaxing place to study or read. \$85-\$95, lalalounger.com



TEACHER TIPS

Stick to the school supply list

"Teachers put specific items and quantities on it because they get used. And please buy the good stuff! Classrooms need quality products."

Alison Friedman, seventh grade core teacher, Jack London Middle School, Wheeling



Kids need to stay hydrated to keep their minds fueled. Nalgene offers up some fun new colors for its **BPA-free bottles**, which carry a lifetime guarantee. These meet many schools' requirements of no-screw tops. Grip 'n Gulp, \$9.25; On the Fly, \$10, nalgene.com.



Make sure the kids' stuff remains their stuff with **Mabel's Labels Ultimate Back-To-School Combo Pack** or **Stylish Scholars Combo Pack** that includes more than 100 labels that won't come off. \$42, August-September; mabelslabels.com.

Net Nanny's new **Family Protection Pass** helps families with Android smart phones and tablets and Mac and Windows computers keep their kids from porn, cyber bullying and online predators on all the devices in the home. The subscription also includes one free year of Net Nanny Social to help parents monitor their kids' friends, pictures and posts on social media. 10 licenses \$79.99, 15 licenses \$99.99; netnanny.com



We also like Nalgene's **shatter resistant food storage containers** for a waste-free lunch. The containers come in four sizes, from 4-32 oz., \$2.99-\$5.99