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## BACK TO SCHOOL



### SOME NEW ITEMS TO CHECK OUT

#### HELP AT HOME

The folks at Kumon Math and Reading Centers produce workbooks (\$5.95; \$6.95) and flashcards (\$9.95).

#### CUSTOMIZING

The Staples Mix It Up assortment allows students to fill-to-the brim an entire container with their tailored choice of 16 assorted clips and push pins for one fixed price (\$5.99 for a small container; \$9.99 for a large).

#### FASHION FOR WORDS

Federal Street Press has the Webster's Dictionary, Webster's Thesaurus and Webster's Spanish-English Dictionary wrapped in colorful patterns at \$3.99 each.



#### LUNCH TIME

Nalgene's BPA-free Everyday Wide Mouth bottle (left) can accommodate ice cubes and won't leak inside backpacks. (\$11.50)

#### ABOUT TIME

The Mark-My-Time digital bookmark times reading and music practice sessions, and homework study sessions. (\$8.95)



#### LOCKS

Instead of numbers, Wordlock locks (above) use easy-to-recall four- or five-letter word combinations (C-A-N-D-Y, G-A-M-E). (\$9.99 to \$19.99)

#### PEN AND PAPER

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