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SCHOOL YEARS

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Too Cool for School?

(not this stuff!)

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haul monitors

Left to right: *Flourville's Kid's Messenger* has reflective safety accents and can be carried as a tote or backpack. Also in camo print. (\$50, flourville.com) *Old Navy's butterfly backpack* has a name tag sewn to the outside, upping the odds that it'll survive the whole year. (\$14.50; Old Navy stores) *Dickies Student Messenger* lends a retro vibe for stylin' skater boys. (\$24.74; Staples stores) *Deuter's Junior Backpack* has well-cushioned straps to ease book overload and supremely kid-friendly buckles. (\$39; rei.com)

take note

Clockwise from top left: This *Pencil Pouch* will even brighten pop-quiz day. (\$10; littlemissmarched.com) *Book Jax book covers* are designed to let kids show off photos in the reinforced corners. In five other colors. (\$5.99 each; Staples stores) *Dickies Pencil Case* is made of a super-tough fabric, so it'll still look good next spring. (\$3.74; Staples stores) Stock up on spiral *In Full Bloom* Subject Notebooks (\$24.99 for 30 in five funky flower designs; amazon.com)

win it!
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leaders of the packed

Left to right: Nothing can touch? The *Slimline Quaddie Lunch Box* has four separate sections, and the folding *Beebe Spark Boomer* comes in a case. (\$9.99 each; The Container Store) *Sugar Booger's Insulated You Rock Boy Lunch Bag* stays cool and looks cool. (\$15; ooriginals.com) This *stainless-steel bottle* (\$13; threelovelines.com) is also part of the *Caterpillar Waste-free Lunch Kit*. You'll want to borrow the *Gourmet Getaway Take*. (\$24.99; containerstore.com)

class action

Left to right: *Pilot Friction Erasable Highlighter* (\$4.99 for three; Staples); *Melissa & Doug straight/rigzag scissors* (\$4.75 for two; amazon.com); *Bic standardized-lead certified Mechanical Pencil* (\$3.99 for ten; chain stores); *Foot Calculator* (\$3.99; Staples); *Crayola Triayola Twistable Crayons* (\$17.99 for 48; amazon.com); *Cadaoates Fun Mechanical Pencil* (\$4.29 for ten; Staples); *Inkology Rock Star Pen* (\$25 for 12 assorted guitars; amazon.com) ✨

