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Children need help getting organized. A special place for school items helps make mornings smoother for parents *and* children.

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- Cardboard box
- Crayons or markers

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1. Find a sturdy cardboard box or carton large enough to hold notebooks and other school things. Let your child decorate it with pictures, words, or art work, and his or her name. Each child in the family can have a separate box.

   Together, find a place to put the box. A spot near the front or the place where your child does homework would be good.

   School things should go in the box as soon as your child comes home from school. Later, all homework and anything else needed for school the next day should go into it.

   In the winter, hats and mittens can also go in the box when they are dry.

2. Let your child make a rainy day box and put it in a different place (or make it a different color). Fill it with "treasures"—games, books, a new pencil. Invite other members of the family to put surprises in the box (no snakes or frogs, please).

Keeping all school items in one place helps teach children how much easier life can be when we are organized and plan ahead.

Show your appreciation when your child keeps things