

Fall BACK TO SCHOOL Product Round Up

Back-to-school is often synonymous with buying stuff! It's hard to get around needing at least a few new supplies and replenishing the ones that may have seen their last academic semester. That's why each year we strive to bring you some quality, earth-friendly options for your little one's triumphant return to the classroom. Check out this year's round up of B2S Essentials!

Litterless Lunchables

1 Keep Leaf Reusable Baggies:

This Canadian company is committed to ethical production and environmental sustainability. Keep Leaf Reusable Baggies are perfect for on-the-go snacks and lunches. All materials are lead, phthalate and BPA free, creating a safe environment for your kiddo's snacks. A Velcro closure makes it easy for kids to use, though be warned...we had some crumb escapees once in a while! The baggies are even machine and dishwasher safe! Keep it easy with Keep Leaf.

2 Kids Konserve Kozy Wrap:

This re-useable wrap is great for so many snacks! Messy snacks? Check! It's easy-to-clean and non-toxic surface keeps messes in. It can even do double duty as a placemat! Wraps come in different sizes and colours with a velcro closure, making it easy for little ones to figure out. BPA, phthalate and lead free, you can confidently send food to school knowing its safe and secure for your child.

3 Kids Konserve Bamboo Utensils:

Who doesn't love a good spork? It's just fun to say! Even more fun? This sustainably harvested bamboo spork from Kids Konserve. Safe, natural and convenient for lunches or any other on-the-go food needs. Each comes in a drawstring mesh bag in the colour of your choice.

4 Kids Konserve No Sweat Ice Pack:

Keep lunches fresh and cool with this no-sweat ice pack. The ice pack is hidden in a sweat free cover made entirely from 100% non-toxic recycled PET #1 plastic bottles. The gel pack is made from non-toxic sodium polymer. The cover is machine washable for any accidental spills in the lunch bag. A perfect size to fit at the bottom of lunch bags, this little pack will do big duty over and over again. Cool!!

5 Dalcini Stainless Steel Containers:

Dalcini is a new Canadian company based in Ottawa. They have aimed to make safe, durable and low maintenance containers that will make all kids and parents smile! And they succeeded! These containers are light, easy to open, no mess or fuss and come in multiple different sizes for whatever your lunch needs may be. They are so durable, the company even offers a life-time warranty on all products! No toxic chemicals, dishwasher safe and for a fun kick: you can write on them with washable markers and leave your kiddo a love note every day.

6 Zoli D-Lite Stainless Steel Bottle:

Whether you want to send off hot or cold beverages, this double walled stainless steel bottle will keep liquids just as fresh as when you put them in, while always remaining cool to the touch for little hands. The flip top lid comes with a secure latch easily released by the push of a button, to access a straw for easy drinking. No BPA, no phthalates, no problems! Many fun patterns and sizes to pick from!

7 Fluf Lunch Bag:

These organic cotton canvas lunch bags are so roomy, you will never have to worry about not being able to send enough food! Zipper-close and canvas carry handles make it pretty darn kid proof, if we do say so ourselves. The interior is a wipeable, water-resistant lining for when the inevitable explosion occurs. Just toss it in the washing machine and you are good to go another day! Did we mention the fun prints? Even adults will want to carry these to work!



School Supplies

1 Onyx & Green Eco Supplies:

We hit the eco-school supply motherload with Onyx & Green. Whether your preference is to use recycled materials (pens from recycled milk cartons) or natural materials (bamboo pencil sharpener), they have you covered! Some particular faves this year were the ramie leaf/jute plant pencil cases to hold our made-from recycled water bottle highlighters, plant based non-toxic glue sticks and corn-based craft scissors. Designed in Canada and more options than you will need!

2 Sprout Pencils:

We were really excited about this find! A sustainable pencil! Not only is the pencil made from a sustainable wood source, but when the pencil is too short to use, you don't throw it away: you plant it! The pencil has a dissolvable end capsule containing seeds to grow into your own edible delight! You can choose from a variety of different seeds to grow: herbs, vegetables or flowers! Can we use more exclamation marks!!!!

3 TreeSmart Artist's Coloured Pencil Set:

For your little Picassos! These long-lasting and bright coloured pencil crayons are made from 100% recycled newspaper. They come in a convenient tube for easy transport or pop them into an average sized pencil case.

4 Norma Sugar Cane Notebooks:

Colourful notebooks made from 100% renewable sugar cane waste! Notebooks come with pockets to store little notes and tags, and the pages are soft and beautiful to write on. We love that they are creating something from a material that would otherwise be tossed away!

5 Wildkin Backpack:

These sidekick backpacks from Wildkin have some of the craziest and cutest patterns to choose from! Beyond being certifiably adorable, Wildkin products are also rigorously tested to ensure that all parts are lead-, bpa- and phthalate-free. Extra padding in the shoulders provides comfort for your kid while they carry around all that emerging Einsteins require.

Fashion

1 Wolf Pup Threads:

Their range is limited, but what they do have is sublime! Soft organic cotton t-shirts & very chic beanies for your little ones will make a serious statement on their first day back. The new "Hug a Tree, Kiss the Sea" graphic almost eclipses my son's personal fave, which reads "Stronger than Fear". And I'm going to be honest...the slouchy beanie – an organic cotton/bamboo blend – makes me wish my head were just a little smaller. Made right here in Canada.

2 Natureroots Dresses and Rompers:

Confession: I may have squealed with delight when I pulled these out of the box. The sweet, delicate patterns, the softness of the fabric, the whimsical nature...well, it was all just too much too contain. Natureroots is a new and upcoming Toronto based company, with all clothing made from organic cotton. Their patterns are made using herbal dyes to ensure the safest of ingredients touching your child's skin. Currently the largest size is 4+ (a generous 4+) so perfect for your junior kindergartener's first day of school!

3 Oui Me:

I hate how hard it can be to find cool boys eco-clothing. Little girls have all the fun! Enter Oui Me. With sizes from newborn to 9 years, these are boys' clothes with real personality. Organic cotton, hemp and linen are all featured in this lineup, and every stitch is taken right here in Canada. This is a brand that will keep you coming back year after year.

4 My Mayu Boots:

These are the coolest waterproof boots EVER! Solid, flexible rubber bottom, with a totally waterproof collapsible upper. Two adjustable toggles make it a perfect fit every time. And they are really, really well made. Sold yet? No? Well, then they went and added a whole extra season of wear with the optional winter liner! Smart, lightweight, sturdy, multi-seasonal, and good looking... these boots are like a parent's dream come true.

