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Hello,

Welcome September!

This newsletter is focusing on Back to School for my pieces within Scrapbook Designer and Vision to be Organized, please continue to read about: Back to School Memories and Dealing with Kids' Paperwork.

Thank you,

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Back to School Memories

Here are 3 great quotes that I love about Education/School:

Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself. ~John Dewey

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. ~Chinese Proverb

The best teachers teach from the heart, not from the book. ~Author Unknown

Ahhhh, the first day back to school!
What an awesome day!

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End of Summer, shopping for cool clothes and new school supplies, meeting a new teacher, and reunited with friends again. Instead of just returning back to school, for some, Back to School may be a brand new experience. I personally have a set of twins, boy and girl, nephew and niece, starting preschool for the very first time. And then I also have a niece that has traveled away from her family and hometown to attend Grad School. What great memories this school year along will have for just those three family members.

What Back to School memories will your family have for the 2011-2012 school year?

How will you remember those great memories?

This year make an extra effort to preserve those great school memories through photos, journals or memory books. Someday you or your children will want to look back at those great moments in time and remember their "Back to School" memories.

I personally remember shopping for school supplies and for school clothes, my Mom and Dad always made sure that I was always well prepared for school. Then it was that first day of school picture-Great Memory! And lastly, I remember each one of my teachers that provided the most education to each of us students. Plus get this-I recently came across my 1st grade teacher just the other day in my hometown and SHE remembered me too! Fantastic memories!!!

So, please this school try your best to record or document your children's school memories for them to treasure later in their lives.

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Dealing with Kids' Paperwork

Many adults can handle their personal paperwork, but don't have a clue when it comes to helping their children get theirs under control. School calendars, lunch menus, homework assignments and odd-sized art projects can all contribute to a mountain of



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paper. Here are a few tips to help you help them get organized...

- Papers that need to be referenced daily or weekly might work well attached to the refrigerator or to a kitchen bulletin board (e.g. lunch menus, calendars, sports schedules).
- Start an art project box for each child. Oversized professional artist's portfolios work great. Your local art or office supply store will have a variety of sizes and materials (leather-bound, cardboard) - as well as prices- to choose from. As projects come home, save the favorites in the portfolio. At year end, select only the top five (or ten) to save. Place in underbed storage boxes (which can be stored anywhere in the house; perhaps the basement) labeled with the years or grades of artwork they contain.
- If your child comes home with papers that need to be read, signed, or require payment, adopt a simple "in/out box" concept straight from corporate America. Label a box (or basket or cubby or clipboard) for each family member. Store conveniently in the kitchen. Instruct children to place papers that need parents' perusal in their box. Parents should check their boxes each evening and place completed paperwork in the appropriate child's box for retrieval. This eliminates mad-dash mornings!
- To get your children in the habit of managing schoolwork with ease, set up a desk or workspace just for them. Stock drawers (or clear storage boxes) with basic supplies such as paper, pens, pencils, scissors, glue, Post-it notes, etc. Help younger children empty their school bags in the afternoon, and allow them to make decisions about which papers to keep and which to toss. This will get them in the habit of dealing with paperwork regularly and saving only those things that are precious to them.

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