



Hello,

Back to School season is here!

In this newsletter you will find tips on *Getting Kids Organized For School* and a Scrapbooking article on preserving that *First Day of School* picture.

Enjoy the newsletter!

Thank you,

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Vision to be Organized Tip **Getting Kids Organized For School**

Getting organized is more than eliminating clutter and creating neat storage systems. One of the most important areas of organizing is task management. It's never too early (or too late) to teach kids how to get and stay organized with schoolwork. The skills they learn now will carry over into high school, college, and, ultimately, their careers and home management as adults.

* Establish a great homework

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routine. With your child, determine the best time for daily school work and stick with it. For some kids it will be right after school; others may need some downtime to play before it's time to hit the books. The most important thing is to stick to the schedule so your child knows what's expected.

* Set up the space. Have a designated study area, such as the kitchen table. But for unique assignments, allow for some flexibility such as moving to a rocking chair for reading chapter books. Create a school supply box and keep it well stocked with supplies (paper, pens, pencils, crayons, scissors, glue, ruler, sticky notes, calculator, etc.) so kids don't have an excuse to get up.

* Make sure you know what's going on at school. Instruct children to unload their backpacks as soon as they come home. Have them hang up their bags in a designated area (try a coat rack, pegs on the wall, or a wicker laundry basket near the front door). This allows for easy access the next day. They should bring homework to the designated study area. Check in each day so you're aware of their workload and take special care when they seem overwhelmed.

* Encourage the use of lists and planners. The older kids get the more homework and activities they'll have. Teach them to manage their tasks with the use of simple lists or a planner/calendar (office supply stores sell ones with cute kid-friendly designs) or computer lists (or even PDAs) for techie kids. When they learn of upcoming assignments, tests, or events, they should write them down in their planners.

* Encourage color coding. Color affects our mood and memory. Let kids pick the colors of their folders and notebooks to correspond to different classes. If green reminds them of science, then they'll know



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instantly to grab the green notebook when looking for their science notes.

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Happy Organizing!

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First Day of School Picture

Did you take a "First Day of School" Picture?

Most parents do and then what? They post it on their social media page, and it remains on the phone camera and/or the memory card of the camera.

Here are 3 tips to relive that great "First Day of School" picture.

1. Upload the picture to your favorite digital album site and create an awesome digital photo book with all the "First Day of School" pictures. Or, start a 2012 school year digital photo book and make the first picture the first day picture.

2. Print the First Day of School picture and place it in a frame or somewhere close to the location of where future school artwork will be displayed. It will be a reminder for the child of how happy (or unhappy) they were when school started.

3. Share your First Day of School photo (and not just on your social media page). Why not do an email blast or a traditional hand-written letter to family and friends updating them with news on what grade the child will be in, what interests the child has or just basic info on what their plans are for the school year (similar to holiday cards)?



Resources



Shop for great organizational products at:



I hope these tips helped and your "First Day of School" won't remain just a JPEG on your memory card!

Happy Scrapping!

Thank you,

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Thank you for reading this August newsletter. I truly hope you enjoyed it and gained valuable information from it. Feel free to pass it along!

**Happy Organizing and
Happy Scrapping!**

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Organize Tip:

Put the whole collection of something together, then you can exactly know how much of one thing (collection of snow globes) you truly have and can eliminate those that you no longer love or have a desire to keep when you see the true keep items of the collection.

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Scrapbook Tip:

Create a "Mom" digital book for your kids. A great book for Mom to document her life in order tell her story to her kids. The kids will know where Mom was raised, where she went to school, who were her friends and all the neat things Mom did before becoming "Mom."

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