



Crayola **Dry-Erase Bright Crayons** have no odor or caps to lose, they don't smear and their color washes easily from clothing and walls. It comes with an E-Z erase mitt for wiping dry-erase surfaces clean and a built-in crayon sharpener on back for crayon tips (\$4.49) at Target, Walmart and most art stores.



Complete a college apartment or dorm room with this bright pink **Hello Kitty Fridge** (\$129.99) at Target.com and select Best Buy stores (check stores for availability).



Send your child to school with a reusable navy **Dino Retro lunch bag**. They're designed to keep food fresh, and the retro design sits vertically, making it ideal for keeping water bottles or thermoses upright (\$22.50, \$7 for monogramming) at Pottery Barn Kids, Plaza Frontenac and potterybarnkids.com.

## Trendy school supplies that keep students stylin'

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A new school year usually means new back-to-school gear. And local retailers have plenty of cool stuff in every possible color and style. We found some fun and trendy school supplies to move your child to the head of the class.



The eco-ditty **reusable sandwich and snack bags** come in lots of fun colors (even a color-your-own bag) that the kids will love. They're made with 100 percent organic cotton, with no PVC or plastic. They can be cleaned in the washer, by hand or even in the dishwasher (\$29 for two snack bags and one sandwich bag) at eco-ditty.com.

These **Poly binders** are available in different colors (\$1 each) at Dollar General stores.



Looking for a back to school deals? Visit [stltoday.com/steals](http://stltoday.com/steals) for a list of back-to-school specials, deals and information on the Missouri sales tax holiday.



The **Furoshiki ECOLunchwrap** is both chic and versatile. If you can tie two knots, you can transform the Furoshiki ECOLunchwrap into a stylish lunchbag. Colors include Cobalt Zigzags, Mandarin Olive, Azul Orange, Cranberry Black, Olive Pom Poms, Tribal Maroon, Burgundy Batik, Adobe Blue and Golden Sage (\$15) at onesmallstep.com.



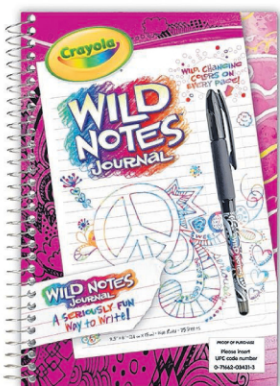
The Z-Grip **Animals pen** features animal prints for those who want to show their wild side (\$3.75 for a five pack) at Office Max, Office Depot, Walmart and Kmart stores.



The Pandigital **7-inch eBook** is an important screen for the dorm. This multipurpose device functions as a powerful eBook, and it's an easy-to-use Web device with a digital photo frame. The eBook also features a full-color screen, 1GB memory, Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, eReader, alarm clock, full Web browser audio and video player and a built-in dictionary (\$99.99) at Dillards (check stores for availability) and online at dillards.com.



A **waterproof mattress pad** is a great way to protect the dorm or apartment bed. It features Puresleep Advanced Technology, which is an antimicrobial fill that releases and repels stains as well as eliminates odors (\$44.99 for an XL twin) at Bed, Bath and Beyond and online at bedbathandbeyond.com.



Tweens will love Crayola's **Wild Notes Journal**. The special combination of ruled paper with the Wild Notes pen transforms written words into colorful expressions. The Journal includes a built-in pocket designed to hold loose sheets or CDs and a secure pen holder that keeps the Wild Notes pen in place (\$5.99) at Walmart, Target and most art stores.