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**A Month Before**

*Make a Master List*
Before you go back-to-school shopping, take inventory of your kid’s belongings and see what needs to go and what can be re-used. For example: Why buy a new backpack if last year’s just needs a quick wash? Write down items you need to buy, including clothing, undergarments, and shoes. And be sure to check your school’s website for a list of must-have school supplies!

*A Week to Go*

*Stock Your Fridge*
Head to the grocery store to make sure your house is prepared for the hubbub of heavy homework nights. Have convenient, kid-friendly dinner items on hand, like frozen hamburger patties and Grown In Idaho® frozen fries, made with 100% real Idaho® potatoes. To quickly clean up life’s messes after dinner, pick up a Libman® Wonder® Mop and Precision Angle® Broom with Dust Pan.

*Set Up Supplies*
Take out all the school supplies you bought and label everything with your kid’s name. Have backpacks ready to grab in the morning. Don’t forget to pack their favorite reusable water bottle instead of sending a single-use plastic bottle! For tasty filtered water, make sure your kid’s school has an Elkay ezH2O bottle filling station (to learn more, visit elkay.com/fountainsforyouth).

**Night Before**

*Pack It Up*
You’re ready to fill your kiddo’s lunchbox! In addition to their sandwich and snack, be sure to include a box of Juicy Juice®. Juicy Juice offers 15 flavors of 100% juice with no high fructose corn syrup. Include a special note to wish them well on the first day of school, and grab a tissue as they head for the door. It’s picture time!

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