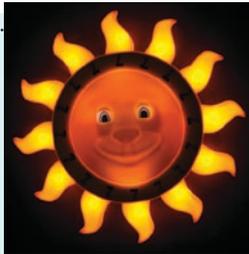


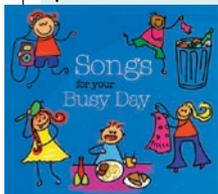
ParentLife Product Picks

The Good Nite Lite

Summer means sleeping late — not! Many children have difficulty going to bed while it is still light and staying in bed after the sun rises in the morning. Not only will The Good Nite Light comfort your child with gentle light in the darkness, it will also give her visual clues to help regulate her body clock. Program the Lite like an alarm clock and plug it in. A moon is visible while your child sleeps; teach her not to get out of bed until the moon changes to a shining sun. The Lite turns itself off during the day to conserve energy. Retail for \$34.99. Visit www.goodnitelite.com.



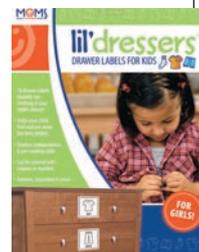
Songs for Your Busy Day (Music by Mommies)



Lead singer Michele Purcell is the mom of two boys on the autism spectrum. She and Barbara Fine Buxbaum make up the musical duo called Music by Mommies. Their latest CD of folksy tunes, *Songs for Your Busy Day*, continues their efforts to help children enjoy and feel more comfortable with everyday tasks. Songs such as “Clean Up” and “Brush Your Teeth” help children with special needs get through the day on a lighter note, but the whole CD is entertaining and motivating for all preschoolers and their parents too. Visit www.musicbymommies.com.

Lil' Dressers™ Drawer Labels

Lil' Dressers are mom-invented, reusable labels that stick to the outside of dresser drawers to help kids identify what is inside without tossing through each drawer to find a favorite outfit. Not only do the labels give children independence and teach good habits, Lil' Dressers establish pre-math skills of sorting and grouping as well as helping kids with letter and word recognition. Best of all, the labels can be removed and reused without leaving marks on the furniture or leaving sticky residue on the drawer. Retail for \$12.99 for a pack of 18 labels. Visit www.mostlyorganizedmoms.com.



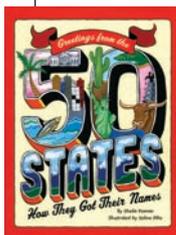
Blokus® (Learning Resources®/Educational Insights®)

Corners are the key in this best-selling educational game of logic and tactical planning. Players take turns placing their pieces on the board, color touching color, but only at the corners! The game board contains 400 squares, and the game is played with 84 translucent colored pieces. The player who gets rid of all his pieces first wins. For grades kindergarten and up. Retail for \$17.99. Visit www.learningresources.com.



Greetings From the 50 States: How They Got Their Names

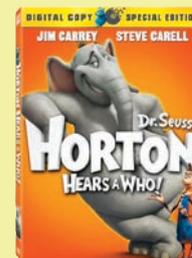
by Sheila Keenan (Scholastic, 2008)



If you plan to hit the road this summer, take a bit of history along with *Greetings from the 50 States*. Each state has a story, and this book can help your children learn when states were formed and the origins of their names. Each state's page also includes informative illustrations and quick-read tidbits of trivia. Search inside its pages for information about the Baked Bean State (Massachusetts) or to learn the origin of the phrase “Bleeding Kansas.” Fun for the whole family!

Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! (Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 2008)

When the children's book *Horton Hears a Who* was first released in 1954, its “a person's a person no matter how small” theme captivated readers. The book became a classic, and decades later morphed into a hit animated movie. Now out on DVD, the story of what happened to a tenderhearted elephant in the Jungle of Nool still gently preaches important messages of compassion, forgiveness, and faith. The two-disc special edition DVD retails for \$34.95 and contains many bonus features, including interviews with real kids about how even small actions can make the world a better place. The movie is rated G with a running time of 86 minutes.



Joy Fisher is a married mother of three. Her youngest has just completed kindergarten and wants to show off her reading skills, so many trips to the library are planned for this summer.