BAILEY'S TOP 10 BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS!

From being late for school to eating his own homework, Bailey knows the challenges students face! Here are some tips to help you ease your own kids' transition back to school.





- By Harry Bliss
- 1. Shop for new school supplies: Get a list of everything they'll need, and then stock up on notebooks, pencils, protractors, and all of the other necessities.
- 2. Pick out some great new outfits: Every clothing store has back-to-school sales the week before school starts, and buying some new things can help your kids look smart while they get smarter!
- **3. Finish summer reading:** Nothing gets young brains thinking like a summer reading program, whether it's run by their school, their library, or their parents.
- **4. Get your shots:** The school will want to make sure that your kids are fit as fiddles, so that they're ready to interact with other kids without fear.
- **5. Visit the school:** Map your route and get to know the layout of the building so your kids don't get lost on the way to class on that potentially scary first day.

- 6. Meet the new teacher: Go to an open house to find out what your kids will be learning and what challenges the new school year will bring.
- 7. Set up a cool desk at home: Help your kids tackle homework like pros by creating a fun and productive workspace that inspires learning.
- 8. Sign up for after-school activities: Now's the time to get a jump start on sports, clubs, hobbies, student government, or whatever gets your child excited.
- **9. Clear the way for study time:** Summer is over, so it might be time to set some new limits on TV, phone calls, or texting, and establish a productive nightly schedule.
- **10. Get involved at school:** Schools love it when parents help out, so now is the time to find out about the PTA or volunteer opportunities!

WHAT IS BAILEY LOOKING AT?









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Can you add some friends for Bailey to dance with?





Celebrate Father's Day WITH Clifford!

Emily Elizabeth loves her Big Red Dog Clifford, but she loves playing with her dad too! Here are some great ways for kids to have fun with their dads on Father's Day!

- Make a Handmade Gift: Kids can create a card out of construction paper, paint a "World's Best Dad" mug, or draw a picture of the whole family!
- **Play Together in the Park:** Dads can take a turn pushing the swing, or the family can just enjoy a June day together in the big outdoors.
- **Make a Pillow Fort:** Even if it's a rainy day, kids can still have lots of fun with their dads. Building a pillow fort is almost as fun as knocking it down!
- **Have a Family Brunch:** What's dad's favorite food? Whether you stay in or go out to eat, nothing brings a family together like a nice meal.
- Make a "Daddy and Me" Photo Album: Why not track down photos that show the epic journey dad has had with each child? Let your kids choose the pictures and decorate the pages of the album.
- **Do One of Dad's Chores for Him:** It's dad's special day, so give him a day off from doing the dishes, mowing the lawn, or making breakfast!

• **Give Dad a Break:** After everybody's all played out, give dad the nicest reward of all: an hour of quiet time so he can take a welldeserved nap!



By Norman Bridwell

FATHER'S DAY FUN WITH Clifford!



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Clifford and his dad are having fun together. Can you add some color to their day?



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Duffy's Naptime Tips

It's Duffy Time! by Audrey and Don Wood introduces a sleepy little pug who knows that any time can be naptime. If only it could be so easy to put your own kids down for a muchneeded siesta! Here are some tips:

- Look for Cues: From yawning and rubbing their eyes to getting cranky, most children will find a way to let you know when they're ready to sleep.
- Stick to a Schedule: Once you find the best naptime for your child, stick to it. Kids thrive on consistency.
- Fill the Tank: Be sure napping doesn't conflict with a bottle or meal. It can be difficult to fall asleep with an empty belly.
- Wind Down: Avoid active, stimulating types of play before naptime. A calm child will be much easier to settle down.



- Make Bed Inviting: Cuddling a favorite stuffed animal or soft blanket can help welcome your child into dreamland.
- Rocking Time: Whether you have an old-fashioned rocking chair or a new glider, this is a classic method for lulling children to sleep.
- Sing a Lullaby: Your voice is music to your little one's ears. Every baby loves a soothing melody.
- **Read a Story:** Wind down by reading a good picture book like *It's Duffy Time!*



It's time for Duffy to take a nap! Can you help him find his way to his comfy chair?





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Answer Key

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Hi there—it's me, Homer! You may not know this, but my dog friends and I like to sneak out of our houses to play baseball! Playing outside is fun, whether you're a kid or a dog. Here are some of my favorite outdoor activities:

- 1. Racing: Before I learned to steal home plate, I had to practice running. From relay to three-legged races, there are lots of ways for kids to test their running skills!
- 2. Hide and Seek: Kids can't track down their friends by their scent like I can, but I'll bet they're still clever enough to find all of their buddies' hiding places.
- **3. Frisbee®:** I love to jump up and snatch a flying disc out of the air. You can toss one back and forth, or make it into a game!
- **4. Going to the Park:** I love the dog run, but kids get to have fun on the swings, on the jungle gyms, or just chasing each other around!
- 5. Hiking: There's nothing more satisfying than climbing a hill or following a stream to its source. Look for a hiking trail near you, or explore your own backyard!



By Shelley Rotner, Illustrated by Diane deGroat

- 6. Water Play: This is a favorite of mine. If you don't have access to a pool, set up the sprinkler in your backyard, and go wild!
- 7. Having a Picnic: Fill a bag or basket with a large blanket, and goodies like sandwiches, fruit, and any other snack foods you like. Head to your nearest park, or set up the spread in your own backyard.
- 8. Jumping Rope: Push your energy to its limits by seeing how many times you can jump a rope—all by yourself or teaming up with your friends for double-dutch.
- **9. Catch:** Before I could be an infielder, I had to learn how to throw and catch. Start with a tennis ball and work your way up to my favorite activity of all, #10!
- **10. Baseball:** If you can't find an official baseball diamond, you can make your own bases. Get some equipment and start your trek to the major league!



Can you help Homer hit the ball out of the park?

Find all of the hidden words in the puzzle below. Words can appear up, down, across, or diagonally.



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All Ike LaRue wanted last summer was a cruise to Mexico. Instead, he got tricked into a cross-country road trip with his neighbor's spiteful cats! Luckily, he discovered lots of fun attractions along the way. If your family is on the road this summer, here are some great stops to liven up any trip!



- 1. World's Largest Ball of Twine: Two different towns claim to have the largest ball of twine in the world. Visit both (in Cawker City, KS, and Darwin, MN) to compare for yourself.
- 2. The Grand Canyon: One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, there's nothing quite as awe-inspiring as the Grand Canyon. Ike pays a visit on his trip across America; you could too!
- **3. Bigfoot Discovery Museum:** Head to Felton, CA, for fun activities and to view all the evidence collected so far about the quest to capture the elusive Sasquatch.
- 4. **Gatorland:** If you're looking for the alligator capital of the world, look no further than this reptilian theme park and wildlife preserve in Orlando, FL.
- **5. Cadillac Ranch:** Just outside of Amarillo, TX, an eccentric millionaire planted ten spraypainted cars facedown on a dry, desert plain.

- 6. Niagara Falls: Head to Niagara Falls, NY, to gasp at this spectacular natural wonder. Then, for a closer look, take a boat ride to experience the view from below.
- **7. Roswell:** Roswell, NM, is home to the annual Roswell UFO Festival, as well as year-round attractions dedicated to the search for proof of alien visitors among us.
- 8. Paul Bunyan's Birthplace: Bemidji, MN, claims to be the birthplace of legendary giant Paul Bunyan and his big blue ox, Babe. Charming roadside statues of the pair were erected here in 1937.
- **9. Meteor Crater:** Near Flagstaff, AZ, you can check out exhibits about this meteor's impact or just peer down into the hole, 550 feet deep and 2.4 miles wide!
- 10. **Dinosaur Park:** Be like Ike and stop by this park in Rapid City, SD, where five life-size models of the scaly beasts are ready to greet (and maybe eat) visitors.

A-Maze-ing Adventures with Ike!

Ike needs a vacation. Help him find his way to his cruise ship!







Can you help Lily's friend find his way home?





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TOP 10 ENTERTAINMENT SPOTS FOR KIDS THIS SUMMER

Stay is the amazing true story of ten abandoned dogs that discover exciting new lives as circus performers. But be warned: any kid who reads this book will be too excited to stay indoors afterwards! Here are ten great places you can go with your child this summer:

- 1. The Circus: Don't miss your chance when the big tent is set up in your town! Kids can marvel at the animal tricks, get a picture taken with a friendly clown, and gasp at the death-defying acts on the flying trapeze!
- 2. Playgrounds: Don't forget everyday pleasures like the local playground, whether yours is equipped with old-fashioned swings or a new state-of-the-art jungle gym!
- **3. Picnic Grounds:** Pack up your picnic basket for a day in the sun. While parents lay out the goodies, kids can work up an appetite playing catch or practicing cartwheels.
- **4. The Library:** Your local library is ready to nurture your child's love of books all summer long with read-alouds, sing-alongs, and visiting performers!
- **5. The Movies:** Expand your child's imagination with a kid-friendly matinee—or splurge on the latest 3-D animated blockbuster.



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- **6. Museums:** With a new generation of kid-friendly touch-and-feel exhibits, today's museums invite visitors to have fun and learn at the same time.
- **7. The Zoo:** All of their favorite animals are waiting for them, whether they feel more at home in the ape habitat, the reptile house, or the bird sanctuary.
- 8. Music in the Park: Summer is the time for outdoor music festivals, so track down some child-friendly performances by your local symphony or band!
- **9. Children's Theater:** There's nothing like seeing beloved stories come to life onstage to get kids giggling, singing, and acting out their own stories.
- **10. Minor League Sports:** Nothing says summer like a leisurely afternoon at the ballpark, keeping score and chowing down on mustard-covered hot dogs.

STAY WORD SEARCH

THE SHOW CAN'T GO ON WITHOUT THE STAR PERFORMERS! CAN YOU HELP FIND ALL THE DOGS' NAMES IN THE PUZZLE BELOW?

WORDS CAN APPEAR UP, DOWN, ACROSS, OR DIAGONALLY!

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