

p.e. sampler: back-to-s

• **"My Teacher Dances on the Desk"** by Eugene Gagliano, illustrated by Tatjana Mai-wyss (Sleeping Bear Press, \$6.95). Penned by a former teacher, this poetry collection contains humorous verses depicting the missteps of every aspect of school life. With poems like "Stinky Sneakers," "The Whoopee Cushion" and "Your Books Are Due," this book will have students of all ages laughing out loud.

• **"How Your Child Learns Best"** by Judy Willis, MD (Sourcebooks, Inc. \$14.95). Improve your children's success in school by enhancing their learning experience. This book provides parents with fun activities and targeted strategies to use with their children for tackling tough academic areas.

• **"A Parents Guide to the Middle School Years"** by Joe Bruzzese (Celestial Arts, \$14.95). This guide provides parents, children and educators with valuable advice for facing the critical years from sixth to eighth grade. Some helpful hints include rules for cell phone use, enhancing communication, and strategies for academic achievement.

• **"Appleville Elementary: First Day"** by Nancy Krulik (Scholastic, \$3.99). Make the transition from kindergarten to first grade go from scary to exciting with this story. Meet Carlos, who isn't quite sure he wants to go to first grade, and follow his journey as he makes new friends and learns that school is more than it's cracked up to be, after all.

• **"I Spy A to Z"** by Jean Marzollo, photographs by Walter Wick (Scholastic, \$13.99). This addition to the "I Spy" series contains tips for helping children learn the ABCs, introducing rhyming, and exploring how the same letter can have a different sound in different words.

• **"Twenty-Odd Ducks"** by Lynne Truss, illustrated by Bonnie Timmons (G.P. Putnam's Sons, \$16.99). Make learning punctuation hilarious with this book, a companion to "Eats, Shoots & Leaves." A very simple, basic method for teach-



• **"The Sleepy Little Alphabet: A Bedtime Story from Alphabet Town"** by Judy Sierra, illustrated by Melissa Sweet (Random House, \$16.99). A good book for learning to recognize letters and introduce rhyming, this is a treat for children and parents alike. Children will love the colorful illustrations, and parents will be able to relate to the humorous extremes children go to in order to avoid bedtime.

• **"The Gifted Kids' Survival Guide"** by Judy Galbraith (Free Spirit Publishing, \$12.99). This book covers the social and emotional challenges GT (gifted and talented) children face and offers solid, up-to-date resources for children, parents, and educators, including "8 Great Grips of GT Kids" and "5 Things GTs Need to Succeed."

colorful, fun, interactive way for kids to learn how to tie their shoes. Includes a colorful set of laces attached to the book itself so that kids can follow right along with the story and instructions as Eric the monkey also learns how to tie his shoes.

• **"Off to Kindergarten"** by Tony Johnston, illustrated by Melissa Sweet (Scholastic, \$7.99). This fun, rhyming book will help erase first-day jitters as Bill gets prepared for beginning kindergarten.

• **"Don't Lose Your Shoes!"** by Elizabeth Mills, illustrated by Sarah Beise (Scholastic, \$8.99). A

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