

# Back to School Traditions

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## School Countdown



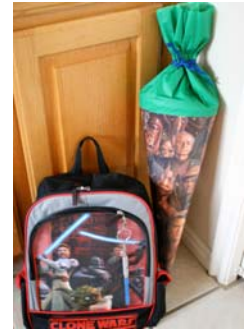
Make a school countdown jar (with candy) or chain to get the kiddos excited for school to begin.

## Magic School Bus



The “Magic School Bus” comes the night before the first day of school and leaves a gigantic lunch sack at front door and rings the doorbell and runs. Inside is just some fun school supplies and a little gift.

## Schultüte



Follow the German tradition of making a Schultüte for your child’s first school year.

## Back to School Feast



You can also go a bit further and have a back to school feast with crowns, special “be prepared” table décor, and yummy food.

## Name Pancakes



Make your child’s name out of pancakes for their first day of school.

## Butterfly Breakfast



Mandy makes a butterfly breakfast as a 1st day of school tradition

## School Themed Dinner



Decorate your dinner table with school themed items to celebrate a wonderful first day of school.

## Bus Cookies



Make and decorate bus cookies as a family before the 1st day of school.

## 1st Day Photo



Take a picture of your child and have them hold up their fingers with what grade their starting. You can also cut out a large number in construction paper for them to hold.

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## Survival Kit



Make a fun back to school survival kit with candy and fun sayings. You can print out all the information on Executive Homemaker search "survival kit".

## Decorate Binders



Create an activity as a family to decorate your child's binders. You can use paint pens, stickers, or vinyl lettering.

## Spa Day



Bond and primp your daughter and her friends by having a homemade spa day to get ready for the first day of school in style.

## Decorate Backpack



Add your her child's favorite character to their backpack and make coordinating lunch tags.

## Monogram Backpacks



Monogram your child's backpack and make backpack pack tags with all their info on it to go inside.

## Backpack Make Over



Take last years backpack from drab to fab by giving it a make over and add some embellishments. A fun project to do with your kiddos.

## Welcome Banner



On the first day of school or the last day of school, make a banner to welcome your kiddo's home.

## Special T-Shirt



Make a special t-shirt for your kiddo to wear. This one is for the last day of school, "Look out 5th Grade - Here I come". It thanks their teachers on the front.

## Label Lunch



On the first or last day of school, label your kiddos first & last lunch, "Last lunch for 3rd grade ever!"