**Tub Time Bubble Maker**  (Summer Infant/Birth and up) Portable bubble maker that can be operated by both child and parent. Suction cups secure the bubble maker to the wall and is fun for kids of all ages. Included is a 4 oz. bottle of tear-free bubble solution helps create a safe and fun experience. Sold at Toys R Us, Target, Wal-Mart, Baby Depot, Right Start and other retailers. Approx. Retail $14.99

**Bright Beginnings Giggle Balls**  (Russ Baby/Birth and up) Round we go! Your youngster will have a ball with the Bright Beginnings Giggle Balls. These super squishy Giggle Balls are sure to tickle your fancy. Surrounded in plush, these ball-shaped animal friends are charmingly cute and squeezeably sweet. Just give your new fuzzy friend a hug and listen for the giggling sound. Collect all four including Puppy, Pig, Kitten or Chick. Approx. Retail $7.

**Bright Beginnings Bright Buddies**  (Russ Baby/Birth and Up) These cute and squeezable animals are all set to teach basic dressing skills to your youngster. With laces to untie, zippers to unzip, and snaps and buttons to be undone, these bright and colorful friends make the perfect playmate! Bright Buddies can show your little one how to tie up those shoe laces tight, button up clothes and zip up jackets. Bright Buddies are available in six curious characters including Puppy, Cow, Elephant, Giraffe, Kitten and Pig. Approx. Retail $13.

**Tonka Scoot N Scoop 3-In-1 Ride On**  (Tonka/Ages 9 months to 3 years) Little ones will enjoy this dependable and realistic TONKA toy that will ‘grow’ with them as the truck converts from push toy to walker to a ride-on vehicle. This developmental toy comes with a fun steering wheel, which will make kids feel like they’re in the driver’s seat with its tooting horn, clicking directional signals and motor revving sounds! The removable wheel allows kids to take the fun of driving with them on the go. Comes complete with three colorful, shaped blocks that toddlers can sort or scoop up with the dump truck. Approx. Retail $39.99.

**Boca Beth Language Program**  (Birth and Up) BOCA BETH CDs and DVDs are your child’s fun and easy introduction to learning Spanish the fun way! Beth Butler and her language amigo Boca the puppet will get your child moving, shaking and singing in Spanish in no time! These fun, easy-to-use, and affordable bilingual Language Learning Sets are chock-full of Spanish words and phrases! Products available individually or in activity sets at www.bocabeth.com.

**Children’s Place Holiday Line**  ‘Tis the season for photos and holiday gatherings! Outfit your children in the very best holiday togs from The Children’s Place. Not only are they fashionable, but are great quality with fantastic prices. From bows and accessories to shoes, The Children’s Place is your one-stop-shop for clothing year-round. Sizes range from Newborn to size 14. Find store locations or order online at www.childrensplace.com.
Antique Crochet Hat by Petite Fleur Designs

These hats are fabulous! Beautifully made with silk, European flowers and appliqués with a touch of sparkle. They are unbelievably soft flexible. The best part is that they fit from 18 months to pre-teen. Our favorite is the Antique Pink Crocheted Hat with it’s pink Swarovski crystals and vintage feel. ($23) Shop online at www.petitefleurdesigns.com.

Playmobil Horse Farm

A young equestrian’s dream, the Horse Farm was the recipient of the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio’s Platinum award. Sure to get to the heart of every young horse enthusiast, the set was also named an “Excellent Product” by the 2008 iParenting Media Awards and received the National Parenting Center’s Seal of Approval. The Horse Farm comes complete with three horse stalls, a refreshments section and grooming stall. It is designed for children ages 4 and up and available at specialty retail stores. Suggested retail price: $99.99. www.playmobil.com

Global Wonders DVD Series

A delightful new series of DVD’s introducing your child to the vibrant and varied cultures from around the neighborhood and around the world. Dazzling animation meets fascinating live action footage in a world where cultures are shared, compared and discovered. With the Global Wonders DVD series, your child can gain a broader understanding of themselves and the world around them, fostering a stronger self-identity, increased self-esteem, and improved cultural and social skills. Collect the first four in the series. Available at Target, Toys R Us and other online retailers. $19.95 SRP.

My First Desk

Is there a cuter, more attractive, and more functional way for the little one to start their career in doodling and more? Not with the My First Desk by Delta, there isn't. This innovative all-in-one art desk features a Disney Cars, Princess or Dora theme and comes with a 100 piece art supply pack. The chair is attached to the desk for safety and function. It also includes storage spaces along the side and on the desk itself for storing art, school supplies etc. Watch your little one's imagination go to work as they sit at this adorable desk!

Mr. Potato Head Celebration Spud

Mix and match an arm here and a nose there – and create countless spud-tastic looks with this supersized MR. POTATO HEAD container that’s chock full of wacky accessories! Filled with three potato bodies and lots of spud-friendly smiles, noses, arms, eyes and so much more, this colorful collection of parts is sure to inspire hours of unique style and creativity! By Playskool. $24.99 SRP
**Prince Lionheart® Ladybug Wheely Bug®**

The bright and friendly design is an instant attraction to girls and boys alike. They go backwards, forwards, sideways, and round and round. Children don't get stuck against obstacles like some other ride on toys. Wheely Bug bodies have a padded layer of sponge which is covered with a tough layer of polyurethane and can be easily wiped clean. They are great to use on smooth level floors and ideal for indoors. Entirely non-toxic and contains no PVC. Ages 18 mos. to 3 years and up to 50 lbs. Comes in Bumble Bee or LadyBug design. Can be purchased at Kohl's stores and online at www.kohls.com. $75

**Baby Alive Learns to Potty**

(HASBRO/Ages 3 years and up) Little girls will love to play mommy to their Baby Alive doll as she “learns” how to use the “potty,” an important rite of passage for toddlers. Further expanding the nurturing play of the beloved brand, Baby Alive is the doll that eats, drinks and goes potty like a real baby. The realistic baby doll encourages valuable, imaginative role-play for future 'mommies'-in-training, while also helping to teach a sense of responsibility and good, old-fashioned tender, loving care! $59.99 SRP

**Nintendo DS Smart Boys/Smart Girls Games**

These DS games are specifically designed for the little ones. The Smart line features mini-games that exercise children's imagination while reinforcing basic cognitive and creative skills in a simple format that the youngest players can understand. Geared for ages 3+, some of the different games include short stories, a drawing pad, music, a coloring book, and puzzles. Besides being fun for little kids it is also educational. It shows them how to write alphabet letters and some have counting games. All of the games are excellent for both girls and boys.

**Tea Set**

Teach your daughters to care for Mother Earth with this "green" make-believe tea set with four place settings. Includes 17 pieces: one pink teapot with purple lid, one purple sugar bowl and lid, one blue creamer, four blue teacups, four green saucers, and four yellow teaspoons. Made in the USA from recycled milk jugs. Green Toys also carries other earth-friendly toys such as a sand set, cooking and dining set, and indoor gardening kit. SRP $24.99. Available at Right Start, Toys R Us, specialty children’s stores, and www.greentoys.com.

**My Own Name Stamp**

Little learners love the sense of accomplishment when they learn to print their names. The Little Stamp Company’s 'signature' product helps the printing process in a fun and interactive way. With a large 'dotted' font children can stamp their own name on paper, coloring pages, artwork etc. which allows them to trace the letters of their name. Three custom options let you indicate your child’s name, select ink color, choose whether you would prefer all capitals or lower case (i.e. Matthew) letters. Their stamps are as unique as your little one! $24.95 Available at www.littlestamp.com.
Ju-Ju-Be Mini Be Backpack

Should this be in our mom’s category? Absolutely! The Ju-Ju-Be line fuses technology, style, and attitude into the hottest diaper bags on the market. This mini backpack is the perfect size for small trips out with the children as well as a stylish purse for mom. We put it here because it is a perfect child fit, too. Whether it’s a trip to Grandma’s, matching mommy when going to the store with their “baby,” or carrying stuff to school, Ju-Ju-Be’s got you covered. They anticipated some bickering over who gets to carry it so they included two sets of straps so you can swap out when your mini me wants something their size. Several fabrics available suitable for both boys and girls. Available at Nordstrom and other fine children’s boutiques. $70.

Treasury of 100 Storybook Classics

100 award-winning and classic children’s stories are faithfully adapted and brought to life in this comprehensive 16-DVD collection by Scholastic Books. From the Maurice Sendak classic Where the Wild Things Are, to the beloved adventures of Curious George and Corduroy, parents and children alike are sure to enjoy these classic treasures, featuring celebrity narration from Sarah Jessica Parker, James Earl Jones and many more! Children of all ages will love this and thin-pak packaging makes it a perfect fit for any bookshelf. An excellent value at $99.95. For a more condensed set, check out the Treasury of 20 Storybook Classics for $29.95. www.scholastic.com.

Money Mama

Put an end to the “gimmies” with this new, smarter piggy bank. The handmade ceramic Money Mama is designed to give children a fun, hands-on way to practice money management. Four slots with their own compartments teach kids the 10/10/10/70 concept to build wealth and control their financial futures. That is, for every dollar they earn, they: give 10% to a charity, invest 10% to build wealth, save 10% for their future, and spend 70% for everyday expenses. Kids love the Money Mama’s whimsical look, and they enjoy making their own choices about giving, investing, saving and spending. Prosperity 4 Kids carries several wonderful products to help parents teach their children how to become better consumers. It’s a priceless gift for any youngster. Prices from $19.95 at www.prosperity4kids.com.

Razor® Powerwing™

The three-wheeler is all grown up and ready to rock! The latest craze from Razor, the Powerwing is a totally radical new way to ride. Just move your body side to side—the awesome three-wheeled design gets you going and keeps you moving! Mastering sideways drifting and 360 spins is simple and fun, so hop on for some super freaky free-style fun! You’ll be delighted with the maneuverability of the PowerWing, while your friends will be astounded at its virtually unlimited trick potential. Other details include a sturdy steel frame, loop-out stoppers for better control, and a weight limit of 143 pounds. Suitable for ages 5 and older. SRP $99.99.
**K’NEX**

K’NEX is the next generation of construction sets. It inspires creativity, builds self-confidence and encourages interaction among children and parents. There is something fun for all ages with these creative toys. New to the Thrill Rides Line is the Motorized Madness Ball Machine for ages 9+ with a suggested retail of $59.99. Younger builders can get in on the action with the new Road Rig Series for ages 5+. There’s a semi truck, a pick-up truck, a dump truck and a tow truck in the Road Rigs Collect & Build series. The trucks are sold separately at $19.99. Pieces are small, so families with children under 3 should be careful.

**Easy Bake Oven and Snack Center**

(EASY BAKE/AGES 8 YEARS AND UP) Bake up sweet and tasty treats with the classic light-bulb oven. Use the included mixes, pans and accessories to whip up cakes and cookie batter. Follow the directions to bake them inside the oven. Keep your treats warm in the special warming chamber until you’re ready to frost, serve and enjoy. An included booklet has even more yummy ideas and recipes that are just the frosting on the cake. Oven comes with 1 yellow cake mix, 1 chocolate-flavored frosting mix, 1 sugar cookie mix, 2 baking pans, 2 cooking utensils, instruction/recipe booklet, 2 warming cups and a pan pusher. $24.99 SRP

**Groovy Girls RSVP**

Groovy Girls RSVP, a new line of soft, fashionable playmates come with a password that unlocks an online world of positive interaction, games and a one-of-a-kind charitable giving component. Groovy Girls RSVP embraces the values of respect, self-expression, values and play (RSVP) — the online customizable play options not only help girls express their unique sense of style, understand diversity and form a sense of individuality, they allow girls to earn points to give toys to other girls in need. Ages 3-9. Found in specialty children’s shops and online at www.manhattantoy.com. $15

**Posse Pouch**

Perfect for carrying your mobile phone, iPod or digital camera, the Posse Pouch is a must have for teens and tweens. In a variety of styles and colors, it can be worn through the belt loop, over the handbag handle, over the wrist or use the long shoulder strap and wear as a mini handbag. The Jane Gamerposse model even has an interior velcro strap to hold a DS Lite and fits the DS Lite games perfectly. $19.99. Purchase online at www.mypossepouch.com.

**Robotikits**

OWIKit—a 30-year toy industry veteran and a premiere robotics kit provider—offers a broad line of award winning, well-engineered building kits that are designed to educate and entertain. The Mini-Solar and Aluminum Bug Kits are inexpensive enough to be stocking stuffers, while the Robotic Building Kits would be great for the techie child on your holiday list. OWIKits are available nationwide at Hobby-Town USA stores and at many educational, toy and museum stores. They can be purchased online www.robotikitsdirect.com. This is also the best place to view OWIKit’s full line of kits. Mini-Solar kits are for ages 9+ and start at $11.95
**Room Tech Beingz Digital Alarm Clock**

Tweens will enjoy waking up each morning to the tap, tap, tap of their fun and funky alarm clock. Colorful and cute, when it's time to wake up the Room Tech Beingz digital alarm clock by Tiger Electronics/Hasbro will slowly begin tapping its arms as its feet begin to gently glow. These actions will wirelessly send a message to the other Room Tech Beingz items to let them know it's time to rise and shine. When the alarm time arrives the square clock will open up its big mouth and shout music. Tweens can choose from FM radio or one of three built in alarm sounds. The Room Tech Beingz digital alarm clock is also compatible with most MP3 players (not included) so tweens can enjoy their favorite music. The clock is white with vibrant accents; tweens can choose from accents in two colors: citron and magenta. SRP $39.99.

**Chic’z On the Go**

Chic'z On the Go! specializes in survival kits for young female athletes! The survival kits are pre-packed with teenage essentials such as sunscreen, nail files, a brush with mirrors and other necessities that girls always need before, during and after sports games. "Tweener" female athletes participating in sports and extracurricular activities love these colorful, fun bags. Colorful products, logo for 10 different sports/activities and team discounts please both parents and their superstars. $25, or you can build your own. Order online at www.chiczonthego.net or call (877)933-6644.

**Motorola Talkabout® Two-way Radios**

The latest Motorola Talkabout Two-Way Radios, which take two-way communications for families to the next level with emergency preparedness features including alert siren, flashlight and even a mini-USB charging port for flexible charging options in the car, from a PC, and the great outdoors, they are perfect for active families, Dads, Moms, teens and even grandparents. With a 20 mile range, these radios are not only fun for teens, but perfect for emergencies, power outages, camping trips and more. Available at Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Best Buy, Costco and www.hellomoto.com. $69.

**Nintendo DS Lite and Wii**

While these are really gifts for all ages, we wanted to highlight the new Metallic Silver DS Lite coming out this season (SRP $129.99.) Perfect for trips anywhere, a DS can really keep the kids entertained for hours. The slim design and fact that it takes not only DS games, but most Gameboy Advance games makes it a winner in our book! Have you experienced the Wii phenomenon yet? Definitely fun for the whole family and can be used for exercise, as well with the Wii Fit game.

In Spider-Man: Web of Shadows (Wii), the game is set in an apocalyptic vision of the city. It features an all-new combat system that allows for three-dimensional battles that can start on the street and end up on rooftops. You can also switch between the red and black Spider-Man suits, choose to ally with Marvel's heroes or villains and decide what missions to undertake to save Manhattan from destruction. $49.99

Transformers: Animated - The Game (DS) Team up with the Autobots to save Earth and Cybertron. Blast through Decepticon-controlled hoverbots, solve challenging team-building puzzles and race through futuristic Detroit roadways, dodging on-coming traffic while seamlessly morphing between robot and vehicle form. Take control of your favorite Autobot characters, including Optimus Prime, Bumblebee, Bulkhead and Prowl, to reclaim the lost fragments of the Allspark before the Decepticons intercept it and claim Cybertron as their own. $29.99.
Give Teens the Gift of Safety

One of the most important gifts parents can give to their teens this holiday season is Allstate Insurance Company’s Parent-Teen Driving Contract – and it’s free. The contract is directly for driving age teens (15-19); and is a tool to help parents bring their teens home safely this holiday season. It promotes teen safe driving by initiating meaningful dialogue with their teens about the importance of being responsible behind the wheel of a car. You can find this lifesaving gift online at http://www.allstateteendriver.com/.

In case an accident does happen, it’s nice to know in the face of panic you have a list of all information you will need. Remembering and documenting the facts after you have been in a car accident is critical. But when you’re shaken and upset it’s easy to leave the scene without complete information. Collision.kit™ from Buttoned Up® ensures you have everything you need to record the details of the incident. The kit includes pre-printed cards to capture vital information for all parties involved, a pen, a clipboard, an envelope to hold your current registration and insurance information, and most importantly, a flash camera - because a picture is worth a thousand words. $15. Available at Target, The Container Store, and www.getbuttonedup.com.

Sticklers

Sticklers, by Sakura of America, are a must have for teens, tweens and kids of all ages! Just color-in & personalize the world around you with Sticklers™ Kits. Metallic outline stickers coordinated with Souffle™ & Glaze® 3-D ink pens, offer an easy way to personalize stationery, school notebooks and folders, even personal electronics such as cell phones, ipods & cameras. Get great results on a variety of other surfaces including glossy cardstocks, vellums, mirrors, plastics & glass. $5.99. Can be found at Paper Source and online at www.sakuraofamerica.com.

B’s Purses

What makes B’s Purses special is that women everywhere can go on their site and design their own custom bags. For new moms, the Scottsdale Baby Bag is a large messenger bag customizable to fit Mom’s necessities and color palette. Choose the fabric (inside and outside), handle, piping, monogramming (her name or the baby’s), plastic liner, and label to fit any style, stroller, or accessory. There are a wide variety of purse styles to use as the base for fashioning your own custom design. You get to pick the straps, interior and exterior fabrics, add some ribbons or bows, and choose either zipper or clasp closure. What could be better for Mom than a handbag she designed herself? Visit www.bspurses.com to order or find a designer near you.

OriginOne

Couture with a Cause. The OriginOne movement is about aggressively promoting human oneness through beautifully crafted clothing with bold messaging. Their goal is to create a community of people who “get it” and want to share the movement with others. to further support the cause, they cheerfully donate a double-digit percentage of all profits to organizations and charities that support oneness. Love them, love their clothes..check them and their message out at www.iamoriginone.com or call (877) 276-5959.
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Keren Jewelry

Gorgeous. Goddess-inspired. Keren jewelry is timeless and a perfect gift for Moms, Aunts, Grandmothers and special friends. Keren’s jewelry designs are delightfully intricate. She incorporates Sterling silver and 14 karat gold filled wire, with semi-precious gemstones such as Amber, Garnet, Labradorite and Freshwater pearls to create an elegant mesh of wire and gemstones. Her favorite technique is Macrame knotting with wire, which results in an ethereal and romantic piece of jewelry. Seen in many fashion magazines and on the runway, her designs are nothing short of exquisite. To find a retailer or order online, visit www.kerenjewelry.com. Also carried on Amazon.com and luxedetails.com.

Warmbat

You might say that Warmbat has an obsession with comfort. From whisper-soft sheepskin leather to cloud-fluff fleece and Memory Foam footbeds, Warmbat takes feet where they’ve never been before. Warmbat’s insoles and exclusive Sheepskin Sizing System ensure that every foot finds the perfect fit. If a pair of shoes or boots is a little too wide or a little too long, wearers simply slide in the insoles and go. Warmbat calls it Walk and Wear Technology. Mom will love their complete line of fashion footwear for men and women; from sheepskin boots to fashion sneakers to sporty sandals to performance shoes to oh-so-comfortable slippers.

Get Buttoned Up

A mom’s life is hectic enough and getting organized shouldn’t add to it. Simple, straightforward products make it easy to get organized so you can spend less time stressing and more time living. No matter what your organizational need, buttoned up® brings you the Life.doc, Receipt.catcher, Moving.kit and Tax.filer to keep everything you need within reach so you can control the chaos. Another one of our favorites? Habit former cards that get you organized in 30 days with baby steps. The best part is that buttoned up products are extremely affordable. Find them at Target stores and online at www.getbuttonedup.com.

Give the Gift of Language

Rosetta Stone software is the #1 language-learning software in the world. Our award-winning software helps you learn quickly, easily and effectively. If you think language learning is all about tedious memorization and grammar drills, think again. We offer an innovative, fun approach to language learning that taps into the way you learned your first language. Whether it’s helping the kids with Spanish or taking a trip to Italy, Rosetta Stone’s got you covered. Learning has never been this easy and fun! For retail locations or to purchase online, visit www.rosettastone.com. Contact them by phone at (800) 788-0822.
The Jawbone

The Jawbone has the unique ability to eliminate background noise so you can hear and be heard in any environment – from the office to the store to the gym. The entrepreneurs behind Jawbone are focused on designing a beautiful and chic headset, comparable to fine jewelry or designer sunglasses. So the Jawbone Bluetooth headset is not only functional, it’s “earwear” and the ideal gift this holiday season for drivers of all ages. $129.99 SRP. Available at Best Buy, Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile and www.jawbone.com.

Does Dad like to Tailgate?

The TailGator Sunshade sets up in seconds by only one person with no lines or stakes. The TailGator Sunshade’s design uses a magnetic strip to hold it securely to your tailgate or the side of your vehicle and because the TailGator Sunshade is so light and compact when not in use, you can leave it in your vehicle all of the time! Great to use at sporting events, soccer games, and camping! $119.99. Available at www.tailgatorusa.com.

MIO Fitness Watch

Does your Dad love sports? Consider the MIO Drive, another watch from the EUROFIT series; this model features a stop watch with 12 lap memory, 5 timers and a visual indicator of your exertion level based on heart rate and personal data. DRIVE has full-featured sports watch capabilities including an alarm, chime, date, backlight display and increased swimming functionality with water resistance up to 30 meters. DRIVE is available in black with a red accent and carries a suggested retail price of $79.99. Like all MIO watches, DRIVE is available at various sporting good retailers or online at www.miowatch.com.

Auto Club Speedway Holiday Gift Package

The Auto Club Speedway Holiday Gift Package includes: A reserved ticket to the West Coast Premiere of NASCAR- the Auto Club 500 on Sunday, February 22, 2009, A Pre-Race Pit Pass. Get behind the scenes for all pre-race activity including access to the track surface where you can sign the start/finish line, watch Driver Introductions and experience the national anthem front and center of the Pre-Race stage and walk Pit Lane where drivers and their teams get geared up for the race (a $55 value), Hot Laps. Take a ride in a race car, on the track, exceeding speeds of over 100mph. Time and date TBD. This is a priceless experience, you can’t purchase this anywhere, Parking Pass.

The cost for the Holiday Gift Package ranges between $75 for a lower reserved grandstand ticket, $95 for a middle reserved grandstand ticket or $125 for an upper reserved grandstand ticket. Receive $10 off any of the above Holiday Gift Package options if you donate a new and unwrapped toy! For more information or to purchase the Auto Club Speedway Holiday Gift Package, visit us at any of the above locations, online at www.autoclubspeedway.com or call us toll free at (800) 944-RACE (7223).

Nike Livestrong Holiday Collection

Show your support for the fight against cancer when you train in the Nike® men’s Livestrong jacket. It’s crafted using the moisture-wicking Dri-FIT® performance fabric that draws sweat away from your skin to keep you cool and dry. All proceeds benefit the Lance Armstrong Foundation. $70. Available at online at Nike.com, as well as at Dick’s Sporting Goods stores, Niketown, Finish Line, Nordstrom’s, and Macy’s.
Ravensburger Puzzleball®
These unique and innovative 3-dimensional, round jigsaw puzzles (which range in price from $14.99 to $39.99) come in 18 colorful images in sizes ranging from 60 to 540 pieces. Each puzzleball® has perfectly crafted, curved plastic pieces so that once completed you have a solid, smooth ball – with no glue required. Different skill levels are available and they are a wonderful project to complete with kids. Each puzzleball® is so attractive it comes with its own stand so it can be displayed. The three largest puzzles, which feature images of the globe and night sky (which glows in the dark), also come with metal rotation stands so you can appreciate the 360 degree visuals.

Founding Fathers Audio Collection

Wallaroo Hats
Wallaroo Hat Company has discovered the Aussie secret to sun protection with style: colorful UPF 50+ crushable fabric hats. The complete collection includes 15 distinct styles in solid, brightly colored fabrics, as well as tropical prints and neutrals. Canvas, loose weave, microfiber, half sox, catcha, cotton twill and the new polystraw make the Wallaroo Hat Collection washable, crushable and versatile for everyday work or play. Each Wallaroo hat has been designed with an internal or external drawstring to make it one-size fits most. A perfect gift for anyone, with a children’s line in addition to women and men. Visit www.wallaroohats.com to find a retailer near you.

GiiNii Wedge Digital Photo Frame
Check out this cool digital picture frame from GiiNii. We love the wedge design! They are easy to use and priced so just about anyone can enjoy sharing all their digital pictures with friends and family. Keep the grandparents up to date with pictures...all they have to do is insert the photo card. It has a wide Screen 15:9 aspect ratio with 800 x 480 resolution and a Single port for SD and MMC media cards. There is also a USB Port for USB Flash Drive or cable connectivity to most cameras or PCs. The Slide show works in order or random with transitional effects. $80. For more info. see www.giinii.com. Available at Target stores with other versions at Amazon.com.

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KenKen

Sharpen your pencils. Or prepare your pens, if you are really good. A new, fun, educational and addictive brain-teasing puzzle called KENKEN® is taking the world by storm! For puzzlers who can't wait to KENKEN, you can test your puzzle acumen at www.kenken.com, where you'll find downloadable puzzles of all skill levels for children through adults. The New York Times web edition use KENKEN, and Reader's Digest carries the puzzle as "the new twist on sudoku." St. Martin's Press is releasing the first four KENKEN books in the United States ($7.95). Presented and edited by New York Times Crossword Puzzle Editor Will Shortz, each of the Will Shortz Presents KENKEN books will contain 100 puzzles of varying difficulty. There is also a gift edition ($9.95)—perfect for the upcoming holiday season and a great "stocking stuffer" for the puzzle enthusiast in your life.

Holiday Tales for Kids of All Ages

Mickey Mouse Clubhouse, a new Christmas classic featuring Mickey, Minnie, Goofy, Donald, Daisy, and Pluto as they prepare for their favorite holiday.

Are You Grumpy, Santa? Sometimes even the merriest, most cheerful guy on the planet wakes up on the wrong side of the bed. Now available as a board book, this merrily irreverent Yuletide story will tickle funny bones and touch hearts far and wide.

I See Santa Everywhere! A boy's sanity is pushed to the limits when he's sure he's seeing Santa Claus around every corner. Luckily, he's found a sympathetic ear in his therapist....or has he? Cartoonist Glenn McCoy discovers the hidden menace (and humor) in the season's most beloved gift giver.

The book Cole Family Christmas was written by a grandmother/granddaughter team who documented a cherished oral memory passed down through generations in their family. Intended to be a pamphlet for their family reunion, the publisher loved the lesson a coal-mining family of 10 learns about cherishing family and handcrafted gifts when the Santa's trips is delayed.

The Compassionate Samurai, by author Brian Klemmer, is a modern day guidebook for a meaningful life and is packed with quick tips, advice, and short stories. Klemmer explains how to take your life to the next level through positive change that makes an impact on the world around us by understanding and valuing the importance of commitment, personal responsibility, contribution, focus, honesty, honor, trust, abundance, boldness, and knowledge!

The Parent Trip Jenna McCarthy, edgy and honest, this resource was written to amuse, enlighten, and help new and veteran parents find humor in one of life's wildest rides. Packed with insight, wit, and hard-won wisdom, it delivers the message every fledgling parent longs to hear: you are not alone. This guidebook is a hilarious journey through the first wide-eyed, miraculous months with a baby. $14.95. Can be purchased online at www.jennamccarthy.com or Amazon.com.

Spirit, Courage and Resolve: Special Olympics Athlete's Road to Gold by Tom Lambke. Bryan Lambke was born in 1981 with Down syndrome. Twenty-two years later, he won a gold medal at the 2003 International Special Olympics in Dublin, Ireland. Lambke's book is a story about a family that saw past a disability and envisioned a future, one that would include changing how people feel about others who may be different.

Catch the buzz on Sweet Pea the Bumble Bee: Beeing ExtraOrdinary by Gabriel & Tiffany Corbett and Courtney Noelle. This is a great gift for anyone who likes to smile. Perfect for parents and children of all ages. See Bumblebee, the French Bulldog show others how to Bee Happy, Inspired and Strong. Can be purchased directly at www.shopsweetpeathebumblebee.com or at Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble.com.
**Oceana**

Adopt a Creature holiday program – a fun and meaningful gift program for the whole family to enjoy. Oceana is the largest international non-profit organization focused 100 percent on ocean conservation. Founded in 2001, our teams of marine scientists, economists, lawyers and advocates are fighting to reduce overfishing, seafood contamination and habitat destruction. This year, their online adoption center is offering six marine-themed cookie cutters (shark, dolphin, octopus, turtle, penguin and polar bear) that would be terrific gifts for moms as well as four ocean creature plush toys (dolphin, orca, hammerhead shark and seal) that are suitable for children of all ages. Shoppers have a variety of packages to choose from that range from $35 to $150 and all include an adoption certificate. To adopt a creature, visit their website at www.oceana.org or call (877) 7-OCEANA.

**My Earth Too**

Out of natural, clean ideals come natural, clean products...and a better future. From this philosophy we offer My Earth Too, a unique line of 100% organic cotton apparel, intimates, accessories, bedding and layette. My Earth Too is committed to becoming part of the solution for a healthier planet—and to providing excellent quality and value. From the softness of our organic cotton clothing to our gentle and pervasive message of earth stewardship, we aim to create a feel-good/do-good experience for everyone producing, selling, or wearing our clothing. Every My Earth Too purchase helps fund the Chuckie Goodnight Foundation For The Environment, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating green spaces and teaching children a loving, respectful relationship with nature. $25-$55. Available at Kohl’s or online at www.myearthtoo.com.

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UniversalGiving, a social entrepreneurship non-profit, based in San Francisco, whose vision is to "create a world where giving and volunteering are a natural part of everyday life." They are essentially a one stop shop that helps to address the problem of "how much and where to give" by providing an innovative, web-based service that connects donors and volunteers with exceptional organizations all over the world. And they never take a cut on donations. One of the ways that people can give on our site is through UniversalGiving Gift Packages. They offer a perfect chance to know exactly how you've made an impact. For example, a gift package of $90 pays to sponsor a class in Indonesia. This gift would be a very meaningful and personal way to give on behalf of a teacher (or anyone passionate about education) for instance. Contact them at www.universalgiving.org.

**Numi Tea**

Packaged in an exotic hand-made dark bamboo case, this Bamboo Flow- ering Gift Set holds a bin of Numi's Bouquet Flowering Tea that is filled with bouquets of tea leaves and Numi's Teahouse glass teapot (420 ml) through which to observe the blooming tea petals. A simple luxury that heightens the tea experience and makes for a singular conversation piece, this reusable case will have a long-lasting impression on a friend or loved one. SRP $39.99. Carried at Whole Foods, Mother's Market, Wild Oats and online at www.numitea.com.

**TY KU**

TY KU has created a new category of spirits focusing on low calorie, low carb & low sugar beverages for people who care about what they put in their bodies. TY KU gift sets are designed for all of the adults in the family to make their holiday or dinner parties extra special. Our Premium Liqueur Holiday Set is presented in the world's only illuminating bottle, and our TY KU Sake Bomb Kit comes with collectible sake cups and chopsticks. Available at Pavilions and Bevmo. $34.99. www.trytyku.com
**Chivas Skin Care**

Alegre Ramos, owner of www.green-and-greener.com has found the newest eco-friendly soap that's handmade, body-friendly and Mother Nature approved. Chivas Skin Care, a mother daughter company in Southern California, makes soap in small batches using fresh milk from their own French Alpine goats. Everything from the production to packaging to the product itself, Chivas luxurious soap gives washers everywhere an incentive to go green. Chivas soap comes in assorted scents including Lavender Oatmeal and Lemongrass Eucalyptus and are priced at $9 per bar. Visit www.green-and-greener.com to purchase.

**Feed Your Soul Cookies**

A truly unique gift for any occasion...simply because, you have this essential need to feed your soul. They bake outrageous cookies and package them with creative sophistication. Included is a timeless philosophy, proverb or thought with each gift. One percent of net profits from your purchase will be donated in accordance with the organization of your choice. Feed Your Soul's mission is to provide a quality product that embraces a concept; one which generates an appreciation for life, for living every day, for doing the simple things that truly feed your soul. Gorgeous packaging, mouth-watering treats. Order online at www.feedyoursoulcookies.com.

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The Wizard card game is more fun than Hearts and more challenging than Rummy! The rules are simple, but mastering the strategy is the real challenge. It's the “ultimate trump game,” and a great deal of fun for the whole family. 3 to 6 players. $8 at www.usgamesinc.com.

**Cadoozles Mechanical Pencils**

These mechanical pencils make the perfect stocking stuffers for kids. Cadoozles are fun, funky and colorful, featuring a wood case barrel design and large, colorful erasers that advance lead when pushed, so they never need sharpening. By Zebra Pen. $3

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**Earfun Clips**

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**Pocket Magnifier with LED Light**

Young or old, when you need a little help reading the fine print, our smart Pocket Magnifier with LED Light is great to have on hand. It fits easily in a pocket, handbag or glove compartment and is ideal for reading menus, restaurant bills and maps. $9.99 at The Container Store. Visit their website at www.containerstore.com for locations or order online.
**SnackTime & Cereal on the Go**

Freeze the cup of our Snack Time-on-the-Go container to keep your favorite drink cool. The cup has a flip-up straw and a leak-resistant seal. Unscrew the base to enjoy your favorite snack. Freeze the bottom cup of our Cereal-on-the-Go container overnight. In the morning, pour in the milk and it stays cool. Cereal stays dry and fresh in the top compartment. A foldable spoon is stored in the lid. $4.99 each at The Container Store. Visit their website at www.containerstore.com for locations or order online.

**Wysi™ Wipe Biodegradable Towels**

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**Turbo Tooth Tunes**

(HASBRO/Ages 6 years and up)

With the Turbo Toothtunes toothbrush, kids enjoy a two minute musical toothbrushing experience delivered in an all new and exciting way. All toothbrushes in the Turbo Toothtunes collection feature new and improved sound technology that’s better than ever. It encourages two minutes of brushing – the amount of time generally recommended by dentists. The collection includes an outstanding library of content including new titles from High School Musical 2, Miley Cyrus as “Hannah Montana,” Rihanna, The Jonas Brothers and Aly & AJ. $9.99 SRP.

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The Internet Password Organizer™ by Innovention Lab provides you with a single centralized location in which to store all your online account login information. This discreetly packaged book features 5.5" x 8" pages so you can write comfortably, not cramped. The spiral-binding allows the book to be opened flat so you can write the full width of each page. Reinforced laminate tabs keep your information organized and easy to retrieve. $19.99. Available for purchase at Target and Hallmark stores as well as direct on www.internetpasswordorganizer.com.

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