

BACK-TO-SCHOOL COUNTDOWN

Get ready, get set for a successful back-to-school with our countdown guide that makes getting ready for the first day as easy as **1-2-3!**



4

Weeks

Do Your Homework. Do a quick inventory of your kids' closets to see if last year's clothes, backpacks, and lunchboxes need to be replaced. Make a list of needed essentials, then head to **Gymboree** for high-quality clothes and accessories in comfy mix 'n' match styles that will last all year.

3

Weeks

Stock Up on Supplies. Beat the crowds and scoop up back-to-school supplies and pantry staples like juice or milk boxes, sandwich bags, non-perishable snack foods, and vitamins.

2

Weeks

Get Set for Success. Make sure medical forms are up to date, and fill out school paperwork. Set up a designated "drop zone" near the door for kids to store backpacks, shoes, sports equipment, and school papers. If your kids are starting at a new building, take them to the school playground and let them play a few times—it may help them feel more comfortable about transitioning to a new school.

1

Week

Make Time for Fun. Don't forget to schedule in some time for making last-minute summer memories! Hit the beach, pack a picnic, build a bonfire, host an ice cream social... now is the time to squeeze in all of the fun things you planned to do all summer. Whatever your plan, make it easy on yourself by serving snacks, scoops of ice cream, and drinks in disposable **Dixie® Cups**—so you can spend less time cleaning up, and more time with your family.

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