

Mac's Monthly Advice!

Mac here with a few great back-to-school money saving tips that can save you a nice chunk of change this year!

Get the kids involved in planning everything out. Make a list of what your children need, set a budget and stick to it. Use this opportunity to teach your kids the difference between wants and needs. Older kids can chip in some of their own cash to buy the things they want if it doesn't fit in your budget.

Check consignment stores or online for refurbished used items. Don't think of it as gently used. Think of it as a vintage one-off. Classic styles are always cool for kids that are into fashion, so take a trip to the local consignment shop and see what kinds of treasures are waiting in the bargain bin. Same goes for sports gear, musical instruments and electronics equipment. A top shelf used or refurbished item is often times a better buy than a brand new version of the same item of lesser quality. Signing up for store email lists or checking websites like eBay or craigslist can produce some great deals as well.



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