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My Backpack Reset

Choose real or fictional examples. Skip private details; never include passwords, medical information or contact details.

Learning goal: Sort school materials using simple decisions and a repeatable reset.

A backpack is a tool, not a test of your character. Papers and supplies can pile up while you are busy learning. Try a small sorting system that makes tomorrow easier; ask before discarding anything you are unsure about.

> **Your steps**
> 1. Clear a small sorting space with adult permission.
> 2. Sort items into keep, file, recycle or ask.
> 3. Choose a home for the things you need tomorrow.
> 4. Build a short daily and weekly check.

1. Four sorting stations

List or draw example items for each station. Do not copy private information from papers.

KEEP · needed soon	FILE · save in its folder
RECYCLE · safe to discard	ASK · not sure yet

2. Tomorrow's loadout

Choose the essentials, then give each a place.

Example: library book · return Tuesday · front pocket.

Item	Why tomorrow?	Backpack place
Learning material		
Supply		
Return / permission paper		
My choice		

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My Backpack Reset · Practice & next steps

Continue your ideas from page 1. Write, draw, use symbols or ask someone to scribe. Share only what you choose.

3. My reset checklists

Check only the steps you try. Add a helpful change below.

- ☐ Daily · check tomorrow's needs
- ☐ Daily · put loose work in its folder
- ☐ Daily · remove things that belong at home
- ☐ Weekly · sort the paper pile
- ☐ Weekly · refill needed supplies
- ☐ Weekly · ask about uncertain papers

My addition / adjustment:

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My next step

My two-minute backpack reset will happen…

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Optional stretch · Grades 6–8

Compare a subject-folder system with a to-do/done system. Choose based on how you retrieve materials, not how tidy it looks.

Optional teacher / parent follow-up: Help with heavy or difficult-to-handle materials. Never discard school records without checking.

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