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What is your favorite thing to do in the spring?

"Playing outside and playing with my brothers."

**Kathryn Lemmel, 7,** daughter of Todd and Peg Lemmel of Greenwood, second grade, Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School



"Play basketball with my sister. (She is) 13."

**Hannah Gahimer, 8,** daughter of Jim and Julie Gahimer of Greenwood, third grade, Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School



"I like to play outside, and I like to celebrate Holy Week."

**JoJo Newett, 8,** daughter of Peter and Diane Newett of Greenwood, third grade, Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School



"I like to play baseball and play outside with my brother."

**Noah Henn, 8,** son of Pat and Bobbi Henn of Greenwood, second grade, Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School



"Wearing shorts and the start of the baseball season."

**Kyle Lemmel, 10,** son of Todd and Peg Lemmel of Greenwood, third grade, Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School



## TAKE NOTES

### Teens selected to attend state workshop

Roncalli High School juniors Derryl Miller and Kirk Cahill will represent their school at Hoosier Boys State, sponsored by the American Legion.

The longstanding program teaches students about leadership, team-building and the rights and responsibilities of a citizen under the U.S. government.

### Students volunteer time with state representatives

The following students served as pages at the Indiana Statehouse:

- Karly Busard, 14, daughter of Lyman and Libby Busard of Greenwood, eighth grade, Center Grove Middle School Central, served for Sen. Brent Waltz, R-Greenwood
- Jennifer Ziegner, 16, daughter of David and Barbara Ziegner of Greenwood, Center Grove High School, served for Sen. Vi Simpson, D-Ellettsville
- Melissa Davis, 14, daughter of Myron and Beth Davis of Greenwood, eighth grade, Center Grove Middle School North, served for Sen. Gary Dillon-R, Columbia City
- Brianna Hackett, 14, daughter of Marc and Barbara Hackett of Greenwood, eighth grade, Center Grove Middle School North, served for Dillon
- Sarah Conlin, 14, daughter of John and Ann Deweese of Greenwood, Center Grove Middle School North, served for Dillon
- Alex Coachys, 18, son of James and Tina Coachys of Greenwood, senior, Greenwood Community High School, served for Sen. Robert Garton, R-Columbus
- Brad Hackett, 16, son of Marc and Barbara Hackett of Greenwood, junior, Center Grove High School, served for Sen. Teresa Lubbers, R-Indianapolis.



Assign a bin or shelf to each child for storing things like toys, books and outdoor gear, such as shoes. Insist that "foreign" items don't end up in areas designated for other things.

SCRIPPS HOWARD PHOTOS

## ORGANIZATIONAL DILEMMAS SOLVED

Ideas for keeping up with the mounds of stuff children accumulate

**For school papers and artwork,** have separate plastic containers for each child. Store them in an area that's easy to access on a daily basis. Put meaningful work inside; toss the ordinary, everyday stuff.

**For toys,** conduct regular purging sessions, and make sure to include the children. Let them choose what stays and what goes, while still guiding them toward smart choices.

If children insist on keeping items they no longer play with, put them in storage containers and move them to the garage, basement or attic. If the kids ask for them and miss them, give the items back. If they never mention them again, get rid of them in six months.

**For clothing and gear,** designate a spot where items are stored, preferably near the specific door that children use most frequently to enter and exit. Give each child a separate bin or shelf that's marked with their name.

**For backpacks,** start a routine that both you and your children can easily follow. If possible, use durable folders to hold important papers. Assign separate colored folders for homework, correspondence from teachers and school notices and daily papers.

Clearly mark the exterior of each folder with typed or handwritten labels that are easy for children and teachers to read. (If your child doesn't read yet, use the color of each folder as a point of reference.)

# Kids' clutter be gone

## Glean inspiration from professional organizer

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Children are constantly getting new stuff. On top of the new toys, clothes and art supplies that seem to come with each holiday — even minor ones — come birthday toys, clothes and art supplies.

Then there are the extra goodies bought with allowances or by grandparents, not to mention school supplies, books and weather-related gear. Professional organizer Candita Clayton advises that kids shed some old stuff to make room for each new haul.

Toys, schoolwork, backpacks and outdoor clothing are among the worst culprits, and small piles of any of the above can grow quickly into unsightly mountains, says Clayton, whose business, Your Life Organized by C Squared, is based in Rhode Island.

Turning organizing into fun isn't as hard as it sounds, she says. She suggests posing the challenge, "What could we do with this space if we clean it out?"

Her own daughter turned part of her closet into a private reading space, complete with a chair.

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## CONSISTENCY CONQUERS MESS

Tips for establishing a doable organization system in your family

**Develop a system** of routine for attending to children's belongings.

**Assign a place** for everything.

**Select spots** that are easy for children to reach and access.

**Teach children** to be the keepers of their own belongings.

**Insist that** once a task is completed, its pieces immediately are returned to their designated spot.

**Don't let** "foreign" objects move into designated areas.

**Make the process** as fun for your children as possible.

Make use of plastic storage containers to keep children's toys, schoolwork and art supplies corralled.



## School scene

Nearly 725 students, parents and staff members from Indian Creek Elementary School visited the Murat Shrine Circus in Indianapolis this month. Students painted their own clown shirts to wear.

Second-graders Kyle Patton and Brett Maulden sport their clown shirts during the field trip.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



The winter guard at Whiteland Community High School received a gold rating and placed sixth in Class AA this month in divisional competition.

Guard members Kelsey Ferguson, Raley Dunn, Katie Holland and Haley Mead perform their routine, set to music by singer/songwriter Alanis Morissette.