

Kid-tested...

MOM/DAD APPROVED!

When it comes to finding the best baby blanket, pop-up book or educational video game, recommendations from a fellow parent are priceless. For this reason, we've added real parent reviews to our usual list of great products for kids of all ages. Check out this month's line-up and the parents that approve.



Baby's First Words in Chinese

Designed for babies newborn to 2 years, this book and CD offers an introduction to the sounds of Chinese and "locks in" a child's ability to learn these sounds. Each package includes 60 minutes of songs, rhymes, words and stories, a parent's guide and lyric sheet. Available at local and online book stores.

I like the songs and rhythmic patterns on the CD. My kids were adopted from China and take Chinese class. They picked up on the sound patterns right away. Both love the songs and I love the accompanying book. I was happy to hear them singing in their native language. The set says it's designed for ages birth to 2, but Claire (age 6) enjoyed it, too.

— Lisa, Mom of Claire, 6 and Sarah, 2



Horton Hears a Who Pop-Up!

By Dr. Seuss, pop-up artist David A. Carter Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday this month with a twist on an old favorite. This classic story of Horton comes to life with five big, blow-out pop-ups, 11 booklets, pull tabs galore and many special effects.

My kids love the story and this book brought it to life for them. They enjoyed the detailed pop-ups as well as the other interactive parts of the story. It is currently their favorite bedtime story and probably will be for some time.

— Tracy, Mom of Jared, 7 and Kyle, 4



Tooth Tunes

Press the button and touch the TOOTH TUNES brush to your teeth. Sound waves stream through the bristles and travel through your jawbone to your inner ear where the music is heard in your head as long as kids keep brushing. Hasbro.com/toothtunes/

Although the initial price tag put me off, it didn't dissuade my son one bit who used his own money to purchase this toothbrush. The harder he brushes, the louder the music gets (reasonably speaking) and he brushes for the full two minutes so he can hear the entire song.

— Jackie, Mom of Andy, 9



Kaboost

Compact and portable, this chair booster raises the height of kitchen and dining room chairs so your child can sit at the table just like a grown up. Features two height positions to grow with your child. Snaps on in seconds and holds up to 300 pounds. Kaboost.com

Once I figured out how the arms adjust to fit any chair, it is very easy to maneuver. It's sturdy and stays put with a toddler wiggling around.

Mia loves it and we've even used it at restaurants because she won't sit in a standard booster seat.

— Nate, Dad of Mia, 4 and Anika, 4 months



DO YOU WANT TO BE A TEST PARENT?

We're looking for families with kids of all ages to test toys, books and baby products for our Kid-tested section. If chosen, we'll take your comments and give you the product to keep. Interested parents should send an e-mail with their children's ages to rchristman@metroparentmagazine.com.