

Pack the school bag the night before

Ten minutes at night buy back the twenty that go missing in the morning.

1

Make the list once, with your child.

Four or five things, in pictures or in words, taped inside the flap. Making it together is what makes it theirs.



2

They put it in, you check it after.

Your hands stay out of the bag. Checking afterward is teaching. Doing it for them is packing.



3

Give the packed bag one place by the door.

It lives there, already full. A bag that moves is a bag somebody hunts for at seven in the morning.



4

Do it at the same point every night.

Right after dinner, before the evening winds down. A step that floats is a step that gets skipped.

