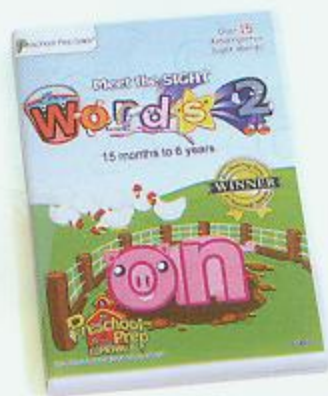




soft storage

Is it a jungle out there in your kids' rooms? Never fear. Gather those stuffed animals from the floor, and pack them away in the coolest and most deluxe plush hider that converts to a cushy floor lounger when it's filled with soft toys. Made of machine-washable, breathable materials, and lined with thick shag all around, the Animal Bag Trio Elite is an oversized conversation piece that will look great in any type of children's den. Boon Inc., innovators of modern products made for children, has got the contemporary aesthetic down pat in the products they offer, while keeping everything stimulating for the kids to look at and play with (\$399.99, booninc.com).



Outta Sight

The latest addition to the Preschool Prep series feels like adding 3 extra courses in a 4-course gourmet meal prepared by a French chef in your home. The superb string of videos adds another three to the family with "Meet The Sight Words 1, 2, and 3," an uber-effective learning tool that makes it easier for kids to spot and master the "sight" or "instant" words"

such as: 'the', 'it', 'have' and 'you.' With the use of vocal repetition of the words, and eye-catching graphics, it is attuned with eager-to-start-reading tots (Preschool Prep Meet The Sight Words, \$14.95, preschoolprepco.com).

It's a Sign

This video is close to our hearts for the service it provides early on in a baby's life. If you had the chance to know when your baby wants to drink, eat, or sleep just by using effective hand signs before he can talk well, would you take it? Heck, yes. Witness his first "I love you," in sign, too, thanks to this DVD. Tears are brimming...(\$19.95, signingsafari.com)



Sit Back And Relax

While it will take more than 15 years or so before you can turn the driving duties over to your little speedster, make sure he or she has safe experiences and fond memories as the passenger while it lasts. The Clek Olli booster seat for bigger children makes the ride even more worry-free. It raises your kid up 4 inches, adapting to the appropriate shoulder belt fit. Show off this special (and fashionably fun) comfy seat padding in plush cover that doesn't lead to "numb-bums," with cushioned armrests for added support (\$89.99, magnaclk.com).

