Packing Checklist for Little Kids

Sometimes it seems like preschoolers should come with their own bellhops. Here's everything you need to be prepared for your next trip.



Carry-on Bag/Tote

- [ ] crayons or washable markers
- [ ] coloring book
- [ ] sweatshirt/hoodie/sweater
- [ ] child's passport if traveling internationally
- [ ] plastic bags (for storing wet clothes, motion sickness emergencies, etc.)
- [ ] boarding passes
- [ ] itinerary
- [ ] contact info for where you'll be staying, rental car, etc.
- [ ] snacks (crackers, freeze-dried fruit, string cheese, etc.)
- [ ] sippy cups
- [ ] lollipops for takeoff and landing to relieve ear pressure if you're flying (or get a favorite drink once through security or from a flight attendant before takeoff)
- [ ] a couple of small favorite toys and a couple of new toys
- [ ] extra outfit for child
- [ ] extra shirt for you
- [ ] laptop or tablet computer or portable DVD player with favorite DVD

To have handy in case you arrive late or your luggage is lost:

- [ ] children's book
- [ ] favorite blanket
- [ ] lovey
- [ ] pajamas
- [ ] tissues
- [ ] digital thermometer
- [ ] children's nasal saline drops
- [ ] children's acetaminophen
- [ ] prescription medications
- [ ] antibiotic ointment
- [ ] bandages

Gear

- [ ] lightweight stroller
- [ ] car seat
- [ ] travel potty

Clothes

- [ ] outfits (1 per day + 2 extra)
- [ ] dressy outfit
- [ ] socks (1 pair per day + 2 extra)
- [ ] underwear or pull-ups (1-2 per day + 2 extra)
- [ ] shoes/sandals
- [ ] waterproof jacket with hood
- [ ] sun hat
- [ ] barrettes/ponytail holders

Bath

- [ ] universal sink/tub stopper (available at hardware stores)
- [ ] a couple of favorite bath toys

- [ ] children's shampoo/soap
- [ ] children's toothbrush
- [ ] children's toothpaste
- [ ] travel potty
- [ ] comb/hairbrush
- [ ] nail scissors
- [ ] sunscreen

Bedtime

- [ ] stuffed animal/doll/lovey
- [ ] nightlight
- [ ] pajamas (1 per day + 2 extra)
- [ ] kids' books

Sun/Pool/Beach

- [ ] two swimsuits
- [ ] life vest
- [ ] a couple of favorite beach toys
- [ ] earplugs
- [ ] bug spray

Cold Weather/Snow

- [ ] mittens
- [ ] parka
- [ ] snow boots
- [ ] snow pants
- [ ] warm hat

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