

In good taste

Lunch Bags with Style

Brighten anyone's day by cleverly attaching a special note to your kids' lunch bags. Punch holes to insert chopsticks, a straw, a drink stirrer, candy ropes, or a pretzel stick to keep the bag closed. Attach a note with twine or by scrolling it around the sticks.



Home Cooking on the Go

Getting home-cooked meals on the table is a royal challenge during school season. Two companies, Super Suppers and Dream Dinners, make this task easier with their meal assembly stores. The stores do all the shopping and prep work. Moms go to the "store," spend 1 or 2 hours socializing and assembling six to 12 entrees to take home, freeze, and reheat for dinner. Costs run between \$185 to \$200, inclusive of groceries, supplies, and assembly. Owners estimate homemakers save about 20 hours a month in prep, cooking, and cleaning time. For store locations: Dream Dinners, 425/876-8987 or www.dreamdinners.com. Super Suppers, www.supersuppers.com.



Try a Trio of Corn

Trio Atelier restaurant in Evanston, Illinois, puts a carnival spin on their sea scallop salad by including roasted corn, peanut pesto, and popcorn. It adds just the right touch of salt and crunch to the salad. Trio Atelier, 1625 Hinman Avenue, Evanston, Ill.; 847/733-TRIO.

