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Patch adds magnetic games, educational tools to Smethport brand

BELOIT, Wis.—Patch Products is adding several items to its Smethport brand of magnetic games, magnetic playsets, educational products and classroom teaching tools.

- *Steps & Slides*[™] and *Tic-Tac-Toe* magnetic games—These two classic games will provide hours of fun at home or on the road. Players open the 6 ¾-inch-square hinged tin box to play on the magnetic surface. The *Tic-Tac-Toe* tin features two versions of the classic game for 2 players ages 4 and up. *Steps & Slides* is for 2 to 4 players ages 4 and up.
- *Create-A-Scene*[™] magnetic playsets—Smethport is adding five titles to its popular playset line. *Magnetic Amusement Park*[™], *Magnetic Solar System*[™] and *Magnetic Town*[™] include 18-by-14-inch play boards and more than 30 magnetic playing pieces. *Magnetic Enchanted Kingdom*[™] and *Magnetic Dollhouse*[™] are part of the *Create-A-Scene Jr.* line with 12-by-9-inch playboards and more than 15 magnetic playing pieces each. All playsets are packaged in reusable storage pouches.
- *Classroom Management*[™] *Pocket Chart*—This 30-by-45-inch chart with see-through pockets and a felt area helps organize multiple activities, including seat assignments, work centers, special events, attendance and classroom helpers. The chart provides a great visual for both students and teachers. The dry-erase surface on the name cards allows them to be used year after year.
- *Story Sequencing* and *Life Science* card sets—These cards for ages 4 and up can be used with wall pocket charts or as flash cards. *Story Sequencing* helps kids improve their vocabulary and verbal communication skills as well as learn how to order events and sort with logical thinking. The *Life Science* set teaches about animal, plant and weather life cycles and includes fun facts about animal habitats and the classification of living things and minerals.
- *Sight Words* tabletop pocket chart—With this 18-by-13-inch portable chart, beginning readers ages 4 and up start out with sight word recognition and pronunciation. As they become more advanced, they learn about spelling sight words, forming sentences and using punctuation. Words are color-coded by parts of speech to make learning easier.
- *Ocean Animals* storytelling felt board add-on kit—Kids practice early literacy skills as they make scenes with 34 picture cards and then tell a story using some of the 240 word and punctuation cards available. The card set for ages 4 and up can be used with Smethport's felt board.

Smethport is a division of Patch Products, which is headquartered in Beloit, Wis. Patch is a leading manufacturer and marketer of family entertainment and educational products. Board games, card games, puzzles, activity kits, collegiate-licensed foam sports toys and classroom teaching tools are the core product lines. For more information, visit www.patchproducts.com.

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