Stand up and learn
Pennsylvania teacher Theresa Kaisner Flood would love a classroom full of standing desks for students. Research has shown that they are especially useful for children who have trouble paying attention.

Back To School Stuff!
WE ASKED EDUCATORS WHAT THEY'D LIKE TO SEE WHEN THEY WALK INTO THEIR CLASSROOMS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. HERE, LIGHTLY EDITED, ARE THEIR ANSWERS, ALONG WITH SOME ADDITIONAL WISH-LIST ITEMS FROM NEA TODAY.

Magical thinking
Pencils that stay sharpened, sharpeners that stay silent...and students who stay engaged in learning!

A little inspiration!
Sonia Nieto’s new book, Why We Teach Now, shares powerful stories from committed and caring teachers. It’s better than chocolate on days you wonder why you’re still doing this (very important!) job.

A little less to love...
Smaller class sizes topped Washington state teacher Janice Rendahl’s list, and she should soon get them. Prompted by Washington Education Association members, voters approved a ballot measure limiting class sizes. Meanwhile, on the other coast, educators belonging to Virginia’s Prince William Education Association have successfully fought for more local funds to be dedicated to lower class sizes. Speaking together as one voice works!

1:1 Technology
A Chromebook or iPad for every student is at the top of many teachers’ Dear Principal lists, including Denver’s Eva Bridgeforth and Tami Bothwell of Weld County, Colo.

Achoooo!
A full year’s supply of tissues—“and not the scratchy ones!” says Andrea Trimble, of Davenport, Iowa.

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