From toys that stand the test of time to board games that are anything but boring, we found the best fifth grade products for a ten-year-old or eleven-year-old. Our list of loot is kid-tested, teacher approved, and full of options for any family, so get wrappin’!

**Under $10**

**Story Cubes**  
Tuck these dice into a pocket and get ready for anytime fun. Roll them, see what surfaces, then use the pictures to spur a story.

http://www.education.com/gift-guide/item/story-cubes/

**Pocket Yam Slam**  
Proof that big things sometimes come in small packages, this petite game has all the play value of the original, but it’s small enough to fit in a Christmas stocking.


**Stitch-it Raccoon Keyring Kit**  
Create a cute key chain in the form of a raccoon, squirrel, bunny, puppy or chick: all you need are nimble fingers, a willingness to learn, and an attention-span long enough to take in detailed instructions.

http://www.education.com/gift-guide/item/sitch-it-raccoon-keyring-kit/

**Safari Rider**  
Kids get an up-close and personal look at some physics, as they build a safari racer, putting the battery, motor, wheel axles, and wiring in the right place.

http://www.education.com/gift-guide/item/safari-rider/

**Native American Bead Loom**  
Get a taste of the classic art of bead weaving without the expense of a professional loom with this simple kit. If you’ve got an artistic, crafty kid at home, this kit is a definite win.

http://www.education.com/gift-guide/item/native-american-bead-loom/
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$11-$50

Zipfy

Dump the inner tube! This lightweight, compact, made in the USA number is billed as a “freestyle mini luge.”

http://www.education.com/gift-guide/item/zipfy/

10 Days in the USA

In this fun family game, players race to plane, train, or walk across the United States ... and learn geography while they’re at it!

http://www.education.com/gift-guide/item/10-days-in-the-usa/

Stratego

This classic game of strategy has been around a while, but it delivers endless challenges to keep young minds fresh and coming back for more.

http://www.education.com/gift-guide/item/stratego/

The Original Rummikub

With all the choices in the game closet, it’s amazing just how often this one seems to come out on top.

http://www.education.com/gift-guide/item/original-rummikub/

All Natural Spa Lab

There’s plenty of learning here: not only do girls indulge in luxurious spa treatments, they also get to thinking about the science behind the beauty.

http://www.education.com/gift-guide/item/spa-lab/
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Splurge

**Erector Empire State Building**  
Want a building project that doubles as an industrial art piece?  

Books

**Mamba Point**  
Set in Liberia in the 1980’s, Mamba Point sneaks in some culture and historical references to give kids a snapshot of another world.  
http://www.education.com/gift-guide/item/mamba-point/

**The Boy Who Could Fly**  
A thoughtful fantasy that takes a deeply meaningful look at what it is to be human.  
http://www.education.com/gift-guide/item/boy-fly/

**Middleworld: The Jaguar Stones Book One**  
Max Murphy is kind of lazy. He likes video games, fast food, and central air conditioning.  
http://www.education.com/gift-guide/item/boy-fly/