



1 A SWEET RIDE

Fisher-Price Power Wheels Mustang, \$270

The fleet for the preschool set includes the Escalade, Jeep and Mustang. New this year: replicas of famous NASCAR racers. (These latter ones are expected to sell out.) All the cars carry up to 130 pounds and top out at 5 mph, though you can set them to go slower. Don't leave a Power Wheels out in winter; you may ruin the battery, warns Marianne Szymanski of Toy Tips.

2 A CHATTY NEW FRIEND

FurReal Friends Squawkers McCaw Parrot, \$70

Move over, Elmo, there's a new talking toy in town. Squawkers McCaw is the newest in the popular FurReal line of animatronic pets; it repeats words that it "hears" and responds to several questions. Best for kids ages four to seven, says Renye Rice, trend analyst with the Toy Industry Association.

3 AN AWESOME AX

Gibson/Hasbro Power Tour Electric Guitar, \$70

Thanks in part to the success of *High School Musical* and *Hannah Montana*, "anything music-related is hot this year," says Rice. One of the big sellers, she predicts: the Power Tour Electric Guitar. It'll teach your pint-size rocker to play, lighting up correct chords for 12 preset songs. Or your kid can plug in an MP3 player and strum to a favorite band. It'll go fast: Check online shopping bots like Shopzilla.com.

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