

Dear Parents,



I'm so pleased to have your child in my class this year!! We are going to have a WONDERFUL year. I already know many of you and I am excited about getting to know those of you whom I have not had the privilege of meeting. I know that the start of the school year will be different than it has in the past, but I am very excited to be able to be back in the classroom with my students! I am looking forward to working with you so that we can both ensure that your child has a successful year.

It has been my practice to do the purchasing of the school supplies needed by students in my classroom. The unusual circumstances of starting this school year, had me debating whether to still do this, but I decided that I would with a modification! Instead of sharing, supplies in central locations, each child will receive a school supplies box with supplies that will only be used by them. Some things will be kept in their desks and others will be kept in a portable box that they can take with them and use in different workspaces around the classroom. Purchasing the supplies allows for all students to have access to the same kind and quality of materials. We have several specialized items at this age level that parents often have difficulty finding and spending time trying to locate a store with the specific item, for example, primary composition notebooks can often be time consuming and frustrating for parents! It also saves parents money as I scout out sales and use teacher discounts wherever possible. I do



my best to encourage students to care for our resources and use them responsibly and because of that we make them last and even sometimes use them again if they are in good condition. This also helps cut down on the overall cost of supplies. So the good news is... **You do not have to shop for school supplies this year!** Instead am asking parents to contribute **\$20.00** towards their child's school supplies. (see attached list of all items provided) You can send this in with your child on the first week of school or bring it on registration day if we have an in person registration this year.



I do realize, that there is a certain amount of excitement in shopping for schools supplies. So if your child has the "back-to-school" shopping bug, they could pick out a two pocket folder with a special design or picture to bring to school. We will use it to store students drawings and other papers they often like to collect. Also your child will need a spill proof water bottle, preferably with a flip top, that can be kept at their desk, as we will not be using the drinking fountain this year. We have very cold water in our sink and they will be able to refill without leaving the classroom. I try to encourage students to drink during the day as being well hydrated helps their focus and concentration. If you should have any questions about any of these things I have discussed, please feel free to contact me.

I hope you will enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to meeting you soon!

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# Do Not Purchase These Items!

This is the list of School Supplies that previously parents have been asked to purchase but will be **purchased for your child!**

1. # 2 Wooden Pencils (lots & lots of pencils.... I order these in boxes of 150 and we go through several a year!) Students will not share pencils this year!
2. Large erasers
3. Crayola twistable colored pencils
4. Crayola markers large & small
5. Box of 24 Crayola crayons
6. 1 set Crayola Watercolor Paints
7. Elmer's Glue sticks (as many as they need throughout the year)
8. Elmer's School Glue (bottle)
9. Ruler
10. a pair of Scissors
11. Whiteboard markers (for individual practice boards)
12. colored pens for writing & corrections
13. Primary Lined paper
14. Primary Composition Notebook
15. 3 prong folders to make a writing portfolio
16. 3 prong folders to make a Memory-Verse book
17. Triangle mechanical pencils (2nd grade)
18. Red Vinyl Take Home Folder
19. Large pencil box
20. 1-2 small Pencil boxes (we use them in desks and reading boxes)
21. Take Home Reading Bags
22. Black Sharpie
23. Special pencil grips (1st grade)
24. 2 cans of playdough/student (will be replaced as needed!)
25. a roll of tape
26. Antibac- HandSanitizer
27. Kleenex