

WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING TO SCHOOL?

Welcome to First Grade! I have heard from several parents who are asking what supplies their children should bring to class, so I wanted to send out a note to help you navigate the waters in this area! Please keep in mind that this is a very unique year, and things are so fluid right now, that directions and guidelines seem to be changing from one minute to the next. I know that can be frustrating! What I CAN do for you to help with this is give some ideas and suggestions, but just ask that you remember they are not requirements, and if for some reason things change and we would need to add to or remove from this list, I will provide you with updates! Thanks so much for your support!



- **A water bottle that your child is able to securely close:** (I believe the water fountain mouthpieces are turned off at school to stop the spread of germs, but the water bottle fillers on top of the machines will still work.) Please keep in mind that we do only want to send water to school, because if juice or other drinks spill, that can get sticky. Please mark the bottle with your child's name!
- **A change of clothes:** (sometimes milk spills at lunch or our art projects get, well, very exciting!) It is always handy to have an extra outfit to keep in the backpack, or even leave in the cubby, in a bag labeled with your child's name.
- **A sweatshirt or sweater:** in summer, the air conditioning works really well, and in case they feel cozy with an extra layer, it is a good idea to keep one in a backpack or leave it in the cubby (again, please mark it with your child's name.)
- **Hand Sanitizer:** I am sure the district will supply our room with cleaning items, but if anyone wants to offer donations of extra Lysol, wipes, or sanitizer, it will always be appreciated! Also, if there is a certain type of hand sanitizer you wish for your child to use, please feel free to send it in, with their name printed on it. Just write me a note explaining that it is something special that you would prefer they use instead.
- **Some disposable masks:** I have heard the school is supplying us with some very nice cloth masks to wear during school, but we all know that if we do a big sneeze into a cloth mask, that will feel pretty crummy to use for the rest of the day. I know the school will have a few disposable masks on hand for this purpose too, but if you have one or two you want to stick in the backpack just to have a few extra for your child in case, it never hurts for them to have a few stashed away! Please do write your child's name on their cloth school mask, and wash it often to keep it clean and fresh for the next school day.
- **A beach towel:** I am hoping to get us outside in the fresh air as much as possible, not just for recess, but also for class time too, when the weather is nice! We can take clipboards from our room and sit in the grass to work, but a beach towel might be a comfy cozy space that your child can have all to themselves outdoors! We won't take them from school to home each night, but I will send them home to be washed every few days. Please write your child's name on their beach towel.
- **School supplies will be provided,** and I will do my best to prepare children by sending them home if we anticipate a closure, but if you would like to have an extra box of crayons, kid scissors, pencils, and a glue stick handy for home use, just in case these items get lost in transit or as the year goes on they need fresh ones for any home instruction we need to do, it might be a good idea to have a bit more of these on hand at your house, too!

Again, thank you for your help and support! Please remember that none of these items are required, but just some extra ideas for you as you are preparing for school in the next few days. I have not yet heard guidance for our snack time procedures, but when I do, if we are able to do snacks, I will let you know about that as well!