

2010-11 Room 15 School Supplies List

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| ___ 2 dozen #2 pencils (<i>Ticonderoga</i> encouraged) | ___ 1 set colored pencils |
| ___ 1 backpack (no wheels, please) | ___ 1 ream (500 pg) copy paper |
| ___ 2 spiral notebooks (70 page—the cheap ones) | ___ 3 to 6 glue sticks (see below) |
| ___ 1 pack notebook paper (min. 300 sheets) | ___ 1 manual pencil sharpener |
| ___ 1 TI-30XIIS calculator (use through 8 th grade) | ___ 1 box Kleenex |
| ___ 1 pair scissors | ___ 1 ruler showing in. and mm. |
| ___ 4 dry erase markers (chisel tip) | ___ 1 Pink Pearl-type eraser |
| ___ 1 binder (need not be fancy) | ___ 1 pack binder dividers |

Important Notes:

Remember, quality school supplies in the hands of responsible students last all year, while cheapo brands have to be replaced by Christmas.

Pencils: It sounds silly, but I STRONGLY encourage purchasing Ticonderoga pencils. In nearly twenty years in the classroom I have witnessed the use of roughly fifteen thousand pencils, and I can tell you there's a huge difference between brands. (For example, pencils made in China and those sold by Wal-mart and Dollar Tree are terrible. The erasers smudge badly and the leads break so frequently, they're virtually useless.) Don't waste your money on cheapo brands; buy Ticonderoga. If you're buying Ticonderoga, you need just 1 dozen; any other brand, 2 dozen are required.

Glue Sticks: Avoid Office Depot brand and other "generic" labels, which don't stick to anything. Look for Avery or Ross.

Calculators: The Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS has been adopted as the official D6 calculator for 4th through 8th grades. It may cost a little more (around \$12) but kids can use the same calculator for all 5 years. Other models will be useless during many math sessions and all State math tests.)

Rulers: Avoid those with gimmicks. Inexpensive wood or plastic ones are best, but make sure it shows both inches and centimeters. Clear, see through ones are good.

Spiral Notebooks: Avoid the kind that have book binding or perforated pages. Instead, buy the 70 page theme books that are typically on sale about now for ten for a buck. Wide-ruled is still appropriate for fifth graders, but kids with neat handwriting should use college-ruled.

Hand sanitizer, wet wipes, paper towels: Not necessary this year. We have plenty.

Students may also purchase supplies directly from me (but at confiscatory prices). Meanwhile, if you have financial issues that prevent you from purchasing materials, assistance is available. Feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks.

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