



4th Grade Supply List 2014-2015



Dear Incoming 4th Grade Parents,

“Results from several independent studies conducted over the past ten years have pointed consistently to the relationship between successes in school, as well as socially, and strengths in executive function skills. Executive functions are the cognitive processes occurring in the frontal lobe area of the brain that allow one to plan, **organize**, make decisions, pay attention, regulate behavior, solve problems, and evaluate decisions.”

Rush NeuroBehavioral Center

During the first few weeks of school, we will work with your child to support them in setting up an organizational system that will help them manage materials in 4th grade and beyond. Throughout the year we will further address executive functioning skills through lessons that address: time management, study strategies, goal setting, and decision making strategies.

It is imperative that we start the year off on the right foot and that means having the materials ready to go the first day of school. Please review the list below, help your child to organize, and send the materials with your child **Tuesday, September 2 at 8:30 a.m.** On the back, there are a few directions for organizing materials *before* bringing them to school.

We are looking forward to a great school year with you and your child!

Sincerely,

Kathleen Finke
Nancy Gorman

- **Poly 13-Pocket File with Zipper** – *details and description on back*
- **2-Pocket Homework Folder**
- **6 Spiral Notebooks** – red, black, blue, green, purple, yellow
- **6 2-pocket folders** –red, black, blue, green, purple, yellow
- **1 Marble Composition Notebook**
- **Loose Leaf Paper (Wide-Rule)** – *replace as needed*
- **Clipboard**
- **3 Pencils per day (mechanical pencils preferred)**
replace as needed
- **Small Pencil Sharpener** – *with a cover to collect shavings*
- **5 blue/black erasable pens** - *replace as needed*
- **3 red pens** *replace as needed*
- **Crayons** – *24 maximum*
- **3x5 Index Cards**
- **Highlighter** – *yellow or orange*
- **1 Ream of Xerox Paper**
- **Colored Pencils** – *24 maximum*
- **Dry Erase Marker and Eraser** (*for math slates*)
- **2 Pencil Cases** – *cloth/plastic type with zipper only! No pencil boxes*
- **Glue Sticks (3)**
- **12 in/30 cm Ruler**
- **Scissors**
- **Calculator**
- **Thesaurus**
- **Dictionary**
- **3 Large Boxes of Tissues**
- **1 Roll of Paper Towels**
- **3 containers of Clorox Wet Wipes**
- **Ziplock Bags** – *Last names A-L please bring a box of gallon size bags, Last Names M-Z please bring a box of quart size bags*

Poly 13-Pocket File with *Zipper*



This will be the center piece of our classroom organization. Students will use this file to carry their homework, homework planner, World Language assignments, and loose-leaf paper. Using this file will ensure students always have what they need no matter if they are in their homeroom, World Language, or at home.

The big box office supply stores each carry their own version of this file. The price ranges from \$13-\$17 depending on the store. There is a good chance it will be discounted during Back-To-School sales in the summer so we recommend keeping your eyes open for it. The brand *Globe-Weis* has a nice fabric version that seems a bit stronger.

Please help your child to organize the following materials *before* bringing them to school on Tuesday, September 2nd. *Please remove pencils, pens, glue sticks, etc from packaging to save space and place them in the appropriate pencil cases.*

Label Notebooks and Folders

Please label each item. Place label on the *upper right-hand corner* of the item.

Blue Folder and Notebook: Child's Full Name, **Reading**

Marble Composition Notebook: Child's Full Name, **Writing**

Red Folder and Notebook: Child's Full Name, **Math**

Purple Folder and Notebook: Child's Full Name, **Social Studies**

Green Folder and Notebook: Child's Full Name, **Science**

Black Folder Notebook: Child's Full Name,

Yellow Folder: Child's Full Name, **World Language**

Organize Pencil Cases

If students care for their materials, they should last for the whole year. We will only store a few things in our desk and keep the extra supplies in the lockers. Please organize the following:

Desk Pencil Case

- 3 sharpened pencils
- 1 black/blue pen
- 1 red pen
- Scissors
- 1 glue stick
- Calculator

Locker Pencil Case

- Extra pencils and pens
- Art Supplies