

Room 15 School Supplies List

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| ___ 1 dozen #2 pencils (<i>Ticonderoga</i> encouraged) | ___ 1 set colored pencils |
| ___ 1 backpack (no wheels, please) | ___ 1 ream (500 pgs) copy paper |
| ___ 3 spiral notebooks (70 page—the cheap ones) | ___ 3 to 6 glue sticks (see below) |
| ___ 1 pack notebook paper (150 to 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 |
| ___ 2 pocket folders | ___ 1 binder (inexpensive is ok) |
| ___ 1 protractor (basic kind—no arm) | ___ 1 box crayons (16-24 is fine) |
| ___ Deodorant | ___ 1 manual pencil sharpener |
| ___ 1 black Sharpie | ___ 1 BPA-free water bottle |

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 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 intermediate students, but kids with neat handwriting should use college-ruled.

Please have your supplies ready the first day of school. Thank you!