



5S Supply List



Dear 5S Families,



If you are still traveling, you do not need to get supplies until we start school, but many of us enjoy getting new gear before school begins.

ITEMS WE (TEACHERS) WILL HAVE READY FOR YOUR CHILD

- One red 3-Ring Binder for Home/School work
- Sheet protectors for references inside red binder
- Pocket folders for each subject
- Dragon Agenda Book

ITEMS YOU CAN BRING IN

Please note, over the years, I have found some supplies work better than others. I have made notes below.

- A good quality handheld pencil sharpener **with a cover** for shavings
- A box of thick and a box of thin colored markers: **Mr. Sketch Markers** have a more vibrant color and last longer. Of course, any brand will be fine. Some people find them easier on line. 
- One or two erasers: The ones on pencils always wear out before the pencil does.
- A few dry erase markers (any color): We use a LOT of dry erase markers on easels and small white boards.
- A few glue sticks
- Scissors
- A few packets of Post-Its: Any color. Square or rectangle: We use them a lot to keep track of thinking in books we can't write in. 
- A box of 12 or more colored pencils

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

The following items will be kept in our supply closet for the class to use as needed. These items do not need to be labeled because everyone will share them.

- 1 box of tissues: Spiffy/pretty boxes welcome
- 1 or more boxes of pencils: Any pencils are fine, but I have found Ticonderoga pencils sharpen better. We go through a lot of pencils, so we appreciate having a large supply ready to go.
- 1 or 2 rolls of paper towels – I prefer “choose your size” so you can use half and save paper
- Non-toxic spray cleaner. We have a “big clean” every Friday to keep colds and grime away. Because we all breathe it in, it’s particularly important to use a non-toxic cleaner that smells good. My two favorites are called “*Pink Grapefruit or Lavender Method All Purpose Natural Cleaning Spray* and *Sun and Earth Spray Cleaner*. They are pictured.



OPTIONAL

- Mechanical pencils/lead: Some children prefer to write with them.
- Speckled Wide Rule Composition Book – The school will provide black composition books, but I have noticed they are getting skimpier. If your child wants a colored one, they are often on sale at this time of year.
- One or two **black** roller or gel pens: We use them for final drafts and illustrating.
- One or two pencil boxes to contain the above items in their desk



I hope the lists make sense. I know I sound rather picky. The truth is I am rather picky (my children would tell you I am), but when you have 20 or more students using these items over time, you get a pretty good sense of what works or not. I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer days!

Francesca Stark





FOR 5S FAMILIES



ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ARRIVAL: 5th graders are expected to arrive at 7:50 a.m. We start morning meeting each day at 8:00 sharp. When students have time to unpack, greet everyone and complete the morning message before 8:00 it creates a calmer day.

SNACK: I have found that 5th graders get hungry a lot. I would rather students listen to each other and to me rather than to their stomachs reminding them it's snack time. Thus, I ask that students come to school each day with at least one healthy snack (no soda or candy) that doesn't need a fork or a microwave to eat.

HOMEWORK: 5th graders are given *around* one hour of homework. It will be a bit more (not too much more) than in 4th grade. If your child gets overwhelmed, or is speeding through, we can adjust things. In 5S, students will have homework Monday through Thursday. This gives students (and families) a chance to have a break on the weekend.

STAYING INFORMED: I will post information on our web page that will explain our classroom procedures, schedule, curriculum, up and coming events and many other items that will help you feel fully informed. You can already access your class calendar on the webpage: In early October, there will be an open house where you can get a fuller picture of life in the 5th grade.

INFORMAL CONFERENCE: Last, but not least, I have been finding it helpful to have an informal conference early in the year. This is *not* a required parent conference; it's just a brief meeting so we can meet and you can share information about your child. There are 15-minute slots available starting the 2nd week of school.

That's it for now. The 5th grade team is looking forward to an exciting, memorable, and fun year.

Sincerely,
Francesca