

## School Supply List for Upper Elementary (ages 10 - 12)

- \*\*\*a permanent, light-weight water bottle
- \*\*\*an easy-to-manage lunch box
- \*\*\*a couple easy-to-manage food keepers for the lunch box
- \*\*\*one ream of white paper
- \*\*\*a box of large Ziploc bags (1 gallon-sized)
- \*\*\*a white t-shirt (for tie-dye day) that is slightly too big for your child
- \*\*\*A ream of notebook paper (narrow rule)
- \*\*\*a zipper binder (not too heavy)
- \*\*\*4 spiral-bound notebooks--red, blue, yellow, green
- \*\*\*4 pocket folders for take home work and for portfolio work
- \*\*\*a box of Ticonderoga yellow pencils (the fancy ones with decorations don't have a centered lead, so they don't sharpen very well)
- \*\*\*a DeKalb County library card in your child's name
- \*\*\*a flash drive
- \*\*\*2 or 3 bell jars with lids
- \*\*\*3 pieces of poster board—any color

We generally ask for whole school-type supplies (like toilet paper, cleaning stuff, washcloths, etc.) about three times a year and I'll put out a call for those things in September. That's an entirely volunteer process—some parents get all of that donated from their work and some buy 20 or 30 rolls of t.p. at Costco. It's a voluntary donation and some parents ask for a tax letter so they can write it off their taxes.

We don't encourage books bags, unless you are dying to buy one, since we want the kids to be able to carry their own stuff and it's hard to fit every thing into a book bag that a student could actually wear on his/her back. We do suggest a "shopping-type" bag that could carry the lunchbox, artwork, etc. If it's open at the top, stuff can hang out without having to be carried separately. If the bookbag is too big to fit in a locker, it's too big for school.

Laptop computers are allowed in middle school and the child should bring the charger, as well. Some kids will take notes on these, some will work on homework afterschool. These are not required, but this year, we are encouraging every child to have access to a computer, either at home or a personal laptop that they bring to school. Sometimes work could be e-mailed in to a teacher, when it doesn't need to be printed. We will not be printing out homework, though, so kids need to bring it **already printed** to hand in.

Buy good solid sneakers, rather than Crocs—we walk a lot. Send a hoodie that can stay here for cold afternoons.