

School Supply List for Lower Elementary (ages 4 - 6)

- ***a permanent, light-weight water bottle
- ***an easy-to-manage lunch box
- ***a couple easy-to-manage food keepers for the lunch box
- ***one small bottle of school glue
- ***one ream of white paper
- ***a box of large Ziploc bags (1 gallon-sized)
- ***a complete change of clothes, including socks
- ***a white t-shirt (for tie-dye day) that is slightly too big for your child
- ***A ream of manuscript paper for a first grade child (this has lines on it to help learn to print) available at Wal-mart
- ***2 pocket folders for take home work and for portfolio work
- ***2 or 3 bell jars with lids

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 October. That's an entirely voluntary 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 are a non-profit, so anything donated can be included as a donation to charity.

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 little guy 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.

Buy good solid sneakers, rather than Crocs—we walk a lot. Consider a light-weight jacket that could stay here for times when the weather changes and gets cold in the afternoon (or maybe a hooded sweatshirt).