



Pre-School / K4 Supply List – 2011 / 2012

Dear Parents and Children,

We are looking forward to your arrival at school on **August 30th**. Your classroom will be ready for you by then and we hope that you will settle in quickly and happily. We would like to inform you that you will need the following school supplies:

Please note – all items and clothing should be clearly marked with your student's name using permanent marker.

- ♦ **Soft-sided back-pack** large enough to contain all school materials but one your child can manage on their own.
- ♦ **A healthy snack including drink** and a cloth or paper napkin in lunch containers which they can open and close themselves. Please pack snack items in reusable containers when possible. Leftovers will be re-packed and sent home. Some suggestions for snack include fruit, vegetables, yogurt, cheese, crackers, bread, snack/muesli bars, etc. Drinks should be milk, water, or fruit juice. We strongly discourage sweets, candies, potato chips, and soda type drinks. Please note: we do not have easy access to the kitchen so all foods provided must be ready to eat. We cannot heat up food for the children.
- ♦ **A pair of rubber soled slippers or inside shoes** to be kept at school. It is important that your child's inside shoes or slippers fit well and have a non slip sole. We go up and down the staircase on a regular basis and the stairs can be slippery. Also, in the event of a fire drill the children would not have time to change their shoes and so would be exiting the building in potentially wet or snowy weather.
- ♦ **A sweater or sweatshirt** for extra warmth to be kept at school.
- ♦ **A spare set of clothing** to include socks, underwear, pants and shirt. These will be kept at school in case of accidents.

PRACTICAL CLOTHING: Please have your child wear practical everyday clothes which can largely be managed alone. Clearly we will help children when necessary, especially with the tricky items like tights and buttons, but we would appreciate your help in ensuring that they are as independent as possible before they come to school. You can help them and us by providing your child with slip-on footwear, clothes with simple fastenings, and by avoiding belts. In rainy and inclement weather, boots, hats, scarves and mittens (try to avoid gloves for younger children) are a must.

If girls wear skirts or dresses to school, they should wear shorts or tights under them so that there is no need to worry about making movements or participating in games which might make their underwear visible.

When dressing your child, keep in mind that hands on learning can be messy and unpredictable. While we will provide smocks for messy play, sometimes smocks shift and don't cover everything, and accidents do happen. Everyday play clothes are the best choice for school.

If you have any other questions, we will be most happy to answer them. We are looking forward to your child's first day of school.