



K5 and 1st Grade Supply List – 2011 / 2012

Dear Parents and Elementary School Students,

In order to ensure a smooth start at your new school, we would like you to be prepared with the following items on the first day:

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

- ◆ Soft-sided large back-pack to contain all school materials.
- ◆ Lunch-box and thermos, or drink flask and cloth or paper napkin. Please pack all lunch items in reusable containers. Garbage and leftovers will be re-packed and taken home for disposal. Please send only healthy items for snack such as fruit, vegetables, yogurt, muesli bars, cheese with crackers or bread, etc. Drinks should be milk, water, fruit juices. We strongly discourage sweets, candies and potato chips and soda type drinks. **Please note**, we cannot heat up food for your student.
- ◆ A snack for your child each day
- ◆ An old shirt with collar and cuffs removed for science and art activities
- ◆ Plastic cup/water bottle with a lid for daily drinks of water
- ◆ A box of tissues
- ◆ A pair of inside shoes with a nonslip sole to be kept at school suitable for going up and down the stairs.
- ◆ A sweater or sweatshirt for extra warmth - to be kept at school
- ◆ **K5 only:** A spare set of clothing to include socks, underwear, pants and shirt. These will be kept at school in case of accidents.

CLOTHING: Please have your child wear practical everyday clothes. In rainy and inclement weather, boots, hats, scarves and gloves 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.

Grade 1 parents please note:

To mark the very special occasion of your child moving into elementary school, we would like to follow the German tradition of [the Schultüte](#). This is a large decorated cone, which is filled with school supplies, candy and toys. Traditionally children proudly carry the Tüte with them on the first day, letting the whole world know that they are starting school. Although some of our students have already spent a year (or two) in school, the move into elementary school and first grade is still a big step. Although we feel this is a lovely tradition to observe, please feel free to do what you feel comfortable with.

The empty Tüte can be bought at any big department store, drugstore or stationers (Kaufhof, Hertie, Karstadt, Müller..). We would like you to fill it with your child's school supplies or whatever you think is appropriate to brighten your child's day.