



Lower Elementary Welcome Letter and Supply List 2023-2024

Hello WHMS LE families,

We hope you are enjoying some rest and family time this summer. The following are supplies for your child's school year in LE. We ask that these items be brought to school in time for our Phase-in week. With your child, please label their individual supplies with their name while keeping community supplies unlabeled. These supplies are chosen from experience for what materials hold up best when under our constant use.

All Lower Elementary students need to have an open-top tote bag they can carry independently and is large enough to easily fit their lunch box, folder, and any other necessary items. We find an open-top bag facilitates your child's independence as they can pack and unpack the bag on their own within a short amount of time. Please do not send a backpack at any time during the school year.

We prefer classroom supplies to be simple and not distracting. We try to minimize our use of plastics when affordable. We like our carpets to remain clean and mud-free, as we sit and work on them with materials, which is why we request that your child have one pair of indoor shoes remain at school. Appropriate outdoor gear is essential as we spend time outdoors under most weather conditions. Please consider this as you prepare for the school year.

Individual Supplies: to be labeled clearly with your name

- 12 colored pencils
- 12 watercolor paints
- White eraser (Staedtler)
- Metal artist pencil sharpener (Staedtler)
- Scissors, child-sized
- **Flat** cloth pencil bag
- Lunchbox with reusable lunch utensils, placemat and napkin, water bottle

Community Supplies - for the whole class to use throughout the year, unlabeled

First Grade:

- One package of glue sticks
- 1 dozen #2 Ticondaroga pre-sharpened pencils

Second Grade:

- One box of tissues or (unscented) dry erase markers
- 1 dozen #2 Ticondaroga pre-sharpened pencils

Third Grade:

- Three dozen #2 Ticonderoga pre-sharpened pencils

For the Art Room

- A box of Kleenex or glue sticks

Clothing- please label clearly with your name

- One pair of indoor shoes, sneakers appropriate for gym as well as the indoor classroom
- Rain gear
- Winter jacket and snow pants- when the seasons change
- One extra set of bottoms/socks in case of wet recess

We look forward to hearing about all of your summer adventures and seeing you at our Meet and Greet on Thursday, August 31.

Thank you for your help in preparing for another wonderful school year.

Sincerely,

The Lower Elementary Faculty

Sandy, Michael, Olga, John, Julie, Laura, Sara, and Hannah