



2023 - 2024
Student Supply Lists &
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Toddlers

Supply List

- Reusable water bottle
- Extra Diapers
- Extra clothes including: shirt, pants/shorts, socks, underwear, shoes (for occasional accidents and water/messy play)
- Backpack large enough for storing/taking home personal items
- Lunchbox

Preschool

Supply List

- Reusable water bottle
- 2 sets of extra clothes including: shirt, pants/shorts, socks, underwear, shoes (for occasional accidents and water/messy play)
- Full sized backpack large enough for storing/taking home personal items
- Lunchbox

Prekindergarten

Supply List

- Reusable water bottle
- Full sized backpack
- Blanket for resting time
- 2 sets of extra clothes including: shirt, pants/shorts, socks, underwear (for occasional accidents and water/messy play)
- Lunchbox including morning and afternoon snack
- Slip on shoes/flip flops to keep at school for quick, easy bathroom trips

Kindergarten

Supply List

- Reusable water bottle (please label with your child's name)
- Full size backpack
- 2 sets of extra clothes including: shirt, pants/shorts, socks, underwear (for occasional accidents and water/messy play)
- A printed 4x6 family photo
- 1 wide-ruled composition notebook, 1-subject
- 1 soft pencil pouch for the following items:
 - 1 pack crayons (24 pack)
 - A few fun standard sized pencils and pens
 - Small pencil sharpener

Optional

- Slip on shoes/flip flops to keep at school for quick, easy bathroom trips

First Grade

Supply List

- Full size backpack
- 3 sturdy 2 pocket folders (different colors/designs)
- 1 package of colored sharpies- fine point (but not ultra-fine point)
- 1 package of black sharpies- fine point (but not ultra-fine point)
- 1 package of thin multi-colored Expo markers
- 2 broad highlighters (different colors)
- 1 soft zippered pencil case (in order to hold the writing tools)
- 1 reusable water bottle (please label with your child's name)
- Headphones with cord attached (will stay at school all year- please label with your child's name)

Suggested Reading List:

An Elephant & Piggie Biggie! by Mo Willems

Lazy Bear, Crazy Bear by Kevin Bolger

Fly Guy by Tedd Arnold

Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea by Ben Clanton

Chick and Brain: Smell my Foot! by Cece Bell

Pete the Cat Adventures by James Dean, Eric Litwin, Kimberly Dean

Let's Go Mo! by David A. Adler

I Can Read! Amelia Bedelia by Herman Parish
National Geographic Kids
See the Cat and *See the Dog* (Series) by David LaRochelle

Second Grade

Supply List

- 1 reusable water bottle
- 1 pencil box
- 2-3 erasers
- 2 highlighters (different colors)
- 1 small pair of scissors
- 1 package of thin Expo markers
- 1 package of colored markers (thick)
- 3 wide-ruled composition notebooks
- 2 sturdy pocket folders

Miss Nelson is Missing by Harry Allard
How to Eat Fried Worms by Thomas Rockwell
A Boy Called Bat (series) by Elana Arnold
Og the Frog (series) by Betty Bernie
Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott
Wedgie and Gizmo by Suzanne Selfors
Mac Undercover (series) by Mac Barnett
Beatrice Zinker, Upside Down Thinker by Shelley Johannes
The Gumazing Gum Girl: Chews Your Destiny by Rhode Montijo

Third Grade

Supply List

- 1 sturdy plastic folder for homework
- 3 lined single subject notebooks (wide ruled)
- 5 sturdy pocket folders (different colors/designs)
- 1 Mead hardcover composition notebook (to be used as a reading response journal)
- 1 small pencil sharpener

- 1 package of colored pencils
- 1 package of colored markers
- 2-3 erasers
- 1 package of Post-it notes
- 1 small pair of scissors
- 1 12-inch ruler with both centimeters and inches
- 1 pencil box that will sit neatly on your child's desk and doesn't take up too much space
- 1 potted succulent plant for your child to take care of throughout the year. The plant will live on our window ledge, so a plant that requires indirect sunlight would be best.
- 1 thumb drive (not needed right away) to store technology and music projects
- A tumbler for drinking water
- 1 chapter book to start reading at the beginning of the year

Students will keep these personal supplies in their own pencil box on top of their desks. The pencil boxes should be large enough to accommodate students' supplies, but small enough so they don't take up too much desk space. Something with drawers works nicely.

Third Grade Summer Reading Suggestions

Looking for a good book to read this summer? Try one of the books on this list:

Aliens for Lunch, by Jonathan Etra

Amber Brown Wants Extra Credit, by Paula Danziger

Best Friends, by Patricia Reilly Giff

Cam Jansen Mysteries, by David A. Adler

Charlotte's Web, by E.B. White

Evil Under the Sea: A Miss Mallard Mystery, by Robert Quackenbush

Fantastic Mr. Fox, by Roald Dahl

Get the Picture, Jenny Archer, by Ellen Conford

Grandfather Tang's Story, by Ann Tompert

Legend of the Indian Paintbrush, by Tomie DePaola

Letting Swift River Go, by Jane Yolen

Little House in the Big Woods, by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Lucky Baseball Bat, by Matt Christopher

Marvin Redpost: Why Pick on Me, by Louis Sachar

McBroom's Wonderful One-acre Farm, Sid Fleischman

Meet Samantha (American Girl Series), by Susan S. Adler
Nannies for Hire, by Amy Hest
Nasty Stinky Sneakers, by Eve Bunting
Nate the Great and the Fishy Prize, by Marjorie W. Sharmat
Paddy's Pot of Gold, by Dick King-Smith
Pet Day Surprise, by Megan Stine
Poppy, By Avi
Ramona Quimby, Age 8, by Beverly Cleary
Rats on the Range and Other Stories, by James Marshall
Rockabye, Crocodile, by Jose Aruego
Rosy Cole Discovers America, by Sheila Greewald
Sarah's Incredible Idea, by Jane O'Connor
Somebody and the Three Blairs, by Marilyn Tolhurst
Song Lee and the Leech Man, by Suzy Kline
Space Brat, by Bruce Coville
Storm in the Night, by Mary Stoltz
The Chalk Box Kid, by Clyde Bulla
The Joy Boys, by Betsy Byars
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, by C.S. Lewis
The Monster in the Third Dresser Drawer, by Janice Lee Smith
The Shoemaker's Boy, by Joan Aiken
The Stories Julian Tells, by Ann Cameron
The Toy Brother, by William Steig
Third Grade Stars, by Candice Ransom
Wish Giver, by Bill Brittain

Fourth Grade

Supply List

- 2 composition notebooks
- 2 spiral notebooks
- 2 sturdy pocket folders (different colors/ designs)
- 1 package of colored sharpies (thin or thick)
- 1 package of colored pencils
- 1 small pair of scissors
- 2-3 packages of sticky notes

- 1 pencil box or pouch that would sit on your child's desk with room for work space
- 1 protractor (with arm if possible)
- A thumb drive
- A water bottle for school use
- A plant for care in the classroom
- 1 chapter book to begin reading at the beginning of the year

Fourth Grade Summer Reading

Read at least two books of choice this summer. Upon conclusion of each book, discuss the story with your family. You may also choose to complete one of the suggested activities (although not required). Below is a list of summer reading suggestions, as well as some discussion questions/reflection activities to help guide your conversations at home. Enjoy and happy reading!

Fourth Grade Summer Reading Suggestions

Animal Stories

- *Poppy or Ragweed*, by Avi
- *Henry and Ribsy*, by Beverly Cleary
- *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, by Roald Dahl
- *Because of Winn-Dixie* or *The Tale of Despereaux* or *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*, by Kate Di Camillo
- *The Trouble With Tuck*, by Theodore Taylor
- *Charlotte's Web*, by E.B. White
- *Abel's Island*, by William Steig
- *Our Only May Amelia*, by Jennifer L. Holm

Family, Friends, and School

- *Fudge-a-Mania* or *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, by Judy Blume
- *Dear Mr. Henshaw* or *Ellen Tebbits*, by Beverly Cleary
- *The School Story* or *The Janitor's Boy*, by Andrew Clements
- *Everything on a Waffle*, by Polly Horvath

Fantasy and Adventure

- *The Incredible Journey*, by Sheila Burnford
- *The Twenty-One Balloons*, by William Pene du Bois
- *Redwall*, by Brian Jacques
- *Ella Enchanted*, by Gail Carson Levine

- *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, by C.S. Lewis
- *The Indian in the Cupboard*, by Lynn Reid Banks
- *The Cricket in Times Square*, by George Selden

Historical Fiction

- *The Cabin Faced West*, by Jean Fritz
- *When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit*, by Judith Kerr
- *Sarah, Plain and Tall*, by Patricia MacLachlan
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, by Mildred Taylor
- *The Kite Fighters*, by Linda Sue Park
- *Dragonwings* or *Dragon's Gate* or *The Earth Dragon Awakes*, by Laurence Yep

Fiction

- *Summer of the Swans*, by Betsy Byars
- *Thimble Summer*, by Elizabeth Enright
- *The Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett

Collections of Stories

- *The Dark-Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural*, by Patricia McKissack
- *In The Beginning: Creation Stories from Around the World*, by Virginia Hamilton

Nonfiction

- *Volcano: The Eruption and Healing of Mount St. Helens*, by Patricia Lauber
- *The Voice that Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights*, by Russell Freedman
- *The Great Fire*, by Jim Murphy

Memoir

- *Homesick: My Own Story*, by Jean Fritz

Discussion Questions/Reflective Activities

KNOWLEDGE

1. List all of the characters and describe them. 2. Describe one of the problems a character had and how he or she solved it. 3. Describe where and in what time period the story takes place.

COMPREHENSION

1. If you could continue the story, what events would you include? Why? 2. How

would you describe how the main character felt during the book? Share evidence of how you know. 3. Why do you think the book was given the title that it had?

APPLICATION

1. Did this book remind you of anything that has happened to you? What? Why? 2. What does the author want you to learn about people and life (lessons) from the story? 3. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

ANALYSIS

1. Find one word that describes a character (other than the main character) very well. Give five reasons for why you chose that word. 2. Compare this book with another book you have read. Explain how the stories were similar or different. 3. Compare two of the characters in this book. Explain how they are similar or different.

SYNTHESIS

1. Would you change any part in the story? Why or why not? 2. Illustrate an eight-section comic strip with captions and drawings showing the main events of the story. 3. Choose an interesting character from the book. Think of what his/her likes and dislikes are; then think of a gift you would like to give him/her. Design a greeting card to go along with the gift in which you explain why you gave that gift.

EVALUATION

1. What did you think was the most interesting part of the book? Why? 2. Which character in the book would you choose for a friend? Why? 3. Did you like the way the story ended? Why or why not? If not, write an alternate ending to the story.

Fourth Grade Summer Math

Review and master all math facts (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division) up to 12 so that you can be an efficient fourth grade problem solver.

Fifth Grade

Supply List

- 4 sturdy folders
- 4 college-ruled spiral notebooks

- 1 supply box with a lid that will fit inside desk
- A reusable water bottle
- Headphones (will stay at school all year)
- A plant to care for during the year
- Two printed photos: one of you, and one of you with your family
- 1 chapter book for independent reading

Optional

These supplies will be provided at school, but students are welcome to bring their own set if they wish.

- Medium scissors
- A set of colored pencils and/or markers
- Pencils, eraser, and hand pencil sharpener
- Colored pens (ballpoint, gel, flair pens, etc.) for editing

Spanish Supply List (5th Grade)

- 1 Clipboard
- 1 sturdy folder

Fifth Grade Summer Reading Activities

Over the summer, you will need to read at least two novels to prepare for fifth grade.

1. *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio: All incoming fifth graders will read *Wonder*. We will use the book to launch discussions at the beginning of the year and for our first writing project. There is no written work required for *Wonder*, simply come to school prepared to discuss and write about the novel.
2. Choice novel and project: Select a novel from the list below that you would like to read:
 - Omar Rising* by Aisha Saeed
 - Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanh Hà Lai
 - Me, Frida, and the Secret of the Peacock Ring* by Angela Cervantes
 - Liar and Spy* by Rebecca Stead
 - The Season of Styx Malone* by Kekla Magoon
 - Voyage of the Dogs* by Greg van Eekhout

After reading, please put together a project to share with the group in September. Your project might be a reading log or journal, sketches with captions

portraying main themes or ideas, a comic book about the main character, a song or poem inspired by the book. Try to include both writing and visual aids in your project. There is a lot of flexibility in how you approach this; however, your project must demonstrate your reading experience. In September, you will present your novel project to the class and work with a novel group to discuss your book.

Fifth Grade Summer Math (Optional Practice)

If you wish to practice math over summer, you can purchase the book for students completing fourth grade from this company:

<https://www.summerskills.com/books/summer-math-skills-sharpener/>

Middle School (6th-8th Grade)

Supply List

- Headphones or earbuds
- A reusable water bottle
- A 3-ring pencil case or 1 supply box with a lid that will fit inside your binder/backpack
- Laptop Case
 - 6th & 7th grade - must be compatible with Model A2337
 - 8th grade - must be compatible with Model A2179
 - [Here is an example](#) that will work for all grades.
 - Apple and Jon do not recommend using keyboard covers or camera covers as they can cause damage to the screen. See more here:
<https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT203671>

Middle School Summer Reading

Dear Incoming 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Parents and Students,

This is the updated (2023) NMY Summer Reading list. All students are required to read a minimum of three or four new books this summer (three books for 6th and 7th and four books for 8th grade). We recognize that many of you will exceed this requirement, and we suggest this only as a minimum. If you are looking for book suggestions, please feel free to check out the Young Adult Library Services Association for great books that are recommended by other pre-teens and teens. Here is the address of the top ten nominees: <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten>. Naturally, you may also ask your local librarian or your teacher for suggestions.

Grade 6

Incoming 6th graders should read the Rick Riordan book at the top of the list below and any two books from either of the following lists. You can email us with questions at dlyons@tcslj.org or bassaf@tcslj.org. Please only read a book that is new to you. If you are struggling finding one, please email either of us and we can help you pick a summer book.

Grade level books:

- [*Daughter of the Deep*](#) by Rick Riordan
- *Beverly, Right Here* by Kate DiCamillo
- *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper or *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Hunt
- *The Lions of Little Rock* by Kristin Levine
- *Safe at Home (Comeback Kids)* by Mike Lupica

- *Rain Reign* by Ann Martin
- *On the Edge of the Dark Sea* by Andrew Peterson (If you have read this or any one of *The Wingfeather Saga*, then choose the next book in the series.)
- *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis

Challenge books:

- *A Tale Dark and Grimm* by Adam Gidwitz
- *Counting by 7s* by Holly Goldberg
- *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by JK Rowling (If you have read this one, then choose the next book in the series.)

Grade 7

Incoming 7th graders should read *Climbing the Stairs* by Padma Venkatraman, one book from either of the following lists, and a third “choice” book: You can email me with questions at bassaf@tcslj.org. If you have already read a book on this list, then choose a different one.

Grade Level books:

- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams Garcia
- *The Land of Forgotten Girls* by Erin Entrada Kelly
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- *Amal Unbound* by Aisha Saeed
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart
- *Harbor Me* by Jacqueline Woodson

Challenge books:

- *Refugee* by Alan Gratz
- *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli
- *Walking Home* by Eric Walters

Grade 8

Incoming 8th graders should read four books total. The first two books are *Maus I* and *Maus II* by Art Spiegelman (Two graphic novels), a third book can be from either of the following lists below, and a fourth “choice” book. Before purchasing any of these books, I highly recommend you research each book to assure the story sounds appealing and appropriate in terms of content. If you have any questions about these books or would like more suggestions, please email me (dlyons@tcslj.org) and I will gladly give you more details about these books and/or make alternate suggestions based on your interests.

Grade Level books:

- *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi
- *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose
- *Becoming RBG: Journey to Justice* by Debbi Levy
- *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei, Justin Eisinger, and Harmony Becker

Challenge books:

- *Perks of being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky
- *The Fault in our Stars* or *Looking for Alaska* by John Green
- *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness (mature)
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Middle School Summer Math

Incoming sixth, seventh and eighth grade students are strongly encouraged to work a minimum of 60 minutes per week on math all summer. We have two recommendations for how to do this. The first is www.khanacademy.org, to review your past year of study and then to move ahead to the next year's concepts when ready. If you prefer using a non-digital source, we recommend selecting a review book from this company: <https://www.summerskills.com/product-category/math/>. Either of these options will help keep your skills fresh and avoid the "summer slide" when returning in the fall. If your teacher provided required summer work this should come with you on the first day of school to hand in to your new teacher.

Middle School Summer Spanish Resources

Apps:

Duolingo: Free and decent Spanish App. Take a placement test and move through lessons at your own pace.

Babbel: Great and quick for conversational level of Spanish. Lessons are presented through audio and images

HelloTalk: An exchange language app that puts you in touch with native speakers and language learners all over the world.

Podcasts:

- Español con Juan
- Spanish Obsessed
- The Unlimited Spanish

Online Interactive lessons:

- **Fluencia:** Similar to Duolingo

Spanish videos:

- *Mi vida loca*
- *Extra*: Similar to the show Friends, the romance scenes are super exaggerated.

Listening:

- Lyrics Training
- Radio ambulante

Reading:

- BBC Mundo
- People en español
- ESPN
- Grammar Resources:
- Señor Jordan
- 121 Spanish

And the best way to learn Spanish is by spending time in Spanish-speaking environments.