

Dear Parents,

We'd like our MAP students to bring the following supplies the first week of school:

- a box of 12 - 24 **Crayola*** colored pencils
- a box of crayons — no more than 24
- a pair of child's **Fiskar*** scissors
- 2 dozen **#2 Dixon*Ticonderoga** pencils **sharpened**
—(office supply stores carry these)
- 1 9 3/4" x 7 1/2" **Mead*** composition notebook—
stitched, not spiral bound
- 2 **1-inch hardcover 3-ring binders of different colors — with pockets inside front and back covers**
- 1 box snack size plastic bags **or** 1 package paper plates (third graders)
- 1 box 1 gallon size **freezer*** bags (second graders)
- 1 large box of tissues
- 1 empty Altoid (or similar) tin

Please label only the colored pencil box, crayon box, scissors and one composition book with your child's name. The rest of the supplies will go in a general pool to replenish kids as needed.

Because we have small tubs and cubbies, I'm asking for the supplies that I've found help us to manage most efficiently. Please don't purchase Trapper Keepers or large pencil boxes. Our tubs can only hold **smaller pencil bags which zip** closed. Colored markers are bulky and often not suitable for our illustration tasks. I will provide a classroom supply of them as needed.

I also ask each family to make a \$20.00 donation to our classroom fund at the beginning of each school year. This allows us to purchase a year's supply of Scholastic News for each child, and supports many enrichment activities during our Studio classes on Friday afternoons and special projects throughout the year.

These items are, of course, requests only. If this presents a hardship for your family, please let me know.

Thank you,

Cindy

*I've specified brands that I know will perform well. We've had plenty of experience with the frustrations of trying to use scissors that won't cut and pencils that sharpen down to nothing the first time we put them in the sharpener. I want our children to be successful with the tasks they're given!