

Supply List for Middle School

<i>Material</i>	<i>Used for...</i>	<i>Link</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Solo Journal (composition notebook or other journal of choice) <input type="checkbox"/> 3" 3-ring binder <input type="checkbox"/> Binder dividers <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle (Sturdy/Reusable) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box kleenex	<p>Advisory Crew - Social Emotional Learning (SEL) class meets daily “home room”</p> <p>Math - will create MS math portfolio for 5 - 8th grade</p>	Notebooks Water Bottle Binder Binder Dividers

What about the rest? Just like adults, children need the right tools for their job. To ensure all students have access to high-quality supplies that will be used for all subjects including our project-based learning opportunities, we are excited to introduce community supply practices to middle school. Families are invited to donate to a collective supply fund rather than purchasing individual supplies for their own students. This fund will go toward purchasing community pencils, loose-leaf lined and graph paper, various art supplies, scissors, glue, mixed media notebooks (PBL “Core Notebooks”), etc. Just as the classroom belongs to everyone, the supplies do, too!

According to Responsive Classroom: “[t]his system... helps children learn how to share and cooperate; it cuts down on competitiveness and one-upmanship; and it ensures that all children have what they need.” In addition to helping with building strong community culture it also supports student’s executive functioning skills. Minimizing visual distractions and the unnecessary stress of keeping track of individual supplies fosters an ability to focus more energy into academics including high-quality projects, a core value at PPOS. Not only does this positively impact students, there is financial benefit for families. When purchasing bulk quantities and specific “classroom sets” the costs are significantly discounted; a win all around!

There is a Venmo specifically for middle school grade classroom supplies. You can make a donation to **@msrueppos** through the Venmo app or you can bring cash or check at back-to-school night. If you choose to donate through Venmo the last 4 digits of my phone number are **2377**. There is no dollar limit on donations - please contribute what you’d anticipate to spend on school supplies and if you are able, pay it forward! Thank you so much for your generosity and support as we head into this upcoming school year. We are so excited to reconnect with old friends and look forward to forging new friendships.