

Supply List for 4th Grade

Water Bottle (Sturdy/Reusable)

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, I am excited to introduce community supply practices. 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, composition notebooks, 2 pocket folders, boxes of kleenex, 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! I have set up a Venmo specifically for 4th grade classroom supplies. You can make a donation to [@woodlandsclassfund](#) through the Venmo app or you can bring cash or check at back-to-school night. 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. I am so excited to reconnect with old friends and look forward to forging new friendships!