

Ms. Stivers 5th Grade Homeroom Supply List

Use what you already have! No need to purchase all new stuff!

- ___ **backpack** - REGULAR SIZE - No space or need for wheels **or** oversized packs!
- ___ **one inch 3-ring binder** - durable, with built in pockets inside cover
- ___ **loose leaf "filler" paper**
- ___ **4 composition notebooks** - Choose standard composition books with 100 pages in four colors, if possible.
- ___ **1 graph ruled composition book** - for math class
- ___ **3 two pocket folders** - colors/designs of your choice, we'll label them at school
- ___ **pencils** - your preferred style
- ___ **red ball-point pen**
- ___ **Black Sharpie marker**
- ___ **highlighters** - 2-3 of assorted colors
- ___ **magic markers** - one basic set in thick or thin style
- ___ **colored pencils** - basic set is plenty
- ___ **crayons** - your preferred size, style & count. A super basic box is all you'll need.
- ___ **glue bottle**
- ___ **glue stick** - in brand/size of choice
- ___ **scissors** in style, size you prefer
- ___ **scotch tape**
- ___ **2 or 3 soft-sided pencil pouches with a zipper** - Choose small to medium sized see-through plastic pouches or mesh style pouches so you can easily see contents OR maybe just choose different designs/colors so you can keep track of what's in each pouch without rifling through them.

Pouch Explanation-School boxes just do NOT fit in our desks/cubbies as well as pouches & space is limited! Zippered pouches don't spill when dropped. One large pouch is too bulky to carry to other classes, surprisingly noisy when being rifled through during instruction and takes up too much desk space. Much better to pull out/carry a small to medium sized pouch that contains exactly what you need for a specific class or for a specific task.

Class Wish List (optional donation for classroom)

- ___ **Girls:** 1 Kleenex box
- ___ **Boys:** 1 container Clorox type wipes

Optional Items:

- reusable water bottle (with your name on it)
- **regular size** lunch box- oversized will NOT fit in the cubby
- eraser caps or gum erasers (to extend pencil life)
- Post-it Notes

AVOID/DO NOT BRING

- extra supplies-If you purchase 6 glue sticks now to take advantage of fall sales, keep 5 at home & bring in only one! **Keep EXTRA supplies at home!**
- any drink other than water
- single use/disposable water bottles
- drink containers prone to spill/leak Example:disposable McDonalds cup w/ lid & straw
- handheld, personal pencil sharpeners
- spiral notebooks (we'll use composition books)
- binder larger than a one inch style
- Trapper Keeper, folio case, or the like
- calculator
- wireless mouse (uses too many batteries and requires keeping up w/ little dongle)
- ruler
- protractor
- large, fancy sets of colored pencils/markers/crayons/paint pens/paints
- toys, of any sort

Note: It's really not necessary to have colored pencils, magic markers AND crayons even though all three are on our supply list. Please know I'm suggesting small, basic sets. Some of you are super into elaborate art supplies. You know who you are! Please keep basic materials in your school desk and enjoy your professional sets at home. I **strongly** encourage you to label every... single... thing. Use a fine point sharpie and write your name on every crayon-**everything!**

Packing for first day - We'll organize the first few days & I'll explain how we'll use supplies on this list. If you aren't sure about something, we'll figure it out... so, no stress to purchase/organize supplies before school begins. Fine to wait and buy/bring supplies after we begin class.

However, if you prefer to shop/organize now, then do it. Maybe in one zipper pouch it makes sense to store a glue bottle, glue stick, tape, scissors, highlighters, and your red ball point pen. Maybe in a second pouch you store markers, colored pencils and a small box of crayons. Of course, this is just an example, pack your 2-3 pencil pouches in whatever way makes sense to you! Please avoid one large pencil pouch or a school box, as previously explained.

Do NOT feel you must lug everything on day one! Bring a pencil and a smile and supplies another day, if you prefer. I'm usually feeling butterflies in my belly on the first day and don't like to carry all that... but, as always, you do you.

Looking forward to a wonderful 5th grade year with new Stivers Superstars!

