

Harper Creek Middle School

5th Grade Supply List

Change Builds Character - Developing Organizational Skills

One of the biggest indicators for success in 5th grade is being organized. Having one place for your supplies, homework, and planner is crucial. You won't have a "desk" anymore that you can reach into any time you need something, and you can't just run back to your locker in the middle of class. You will need the following items, and they will need to come with you EVERY class period of EVERY day.

For Organization

- **1.5 or 2-inch binder:** You will be keeping notes and handouts in here along with ALL of your assignments. It will be your portable "desk."
- **For Inside the Binder:**
 - **Pocket Insertable Dividers (at least 5).** One for each subject where you might encounter homework, like math, English, Social Studies, science, and Spanish. They do not need to have tabs. They may be made of paper or plastic.
 - **Pencil Bag:** to keep all your writing instruments in.

Supplies for English/Social Studies & Math/Science

- **2 one-subject spiral notebook (for English & Social Studies)**
- **small package multi-colored highlighters:** We do a lot of work with the FILA strategy for reading. When you find an answer, you highlight where you found it. You will do this in science, Social Studies, and reading.
- **a small package of pencil cap erasers or a large eraser**
- **a handheld pencil sharpener with container for shavings**
- **pencils (as many as you can provide)**

For Our Classroom

- 1 package of notecards (for English)
- a small package of red pens
- pencils (as many as you can provide)
- tissue (as many boxes as you can provide)
- hand sanitizer (as much as you can provide)
- cleaning wipes (as many as you can provide)

Optional

- ruler (for math & science)
- a small box of crayons OR colored pencils
- basic calculator: You can't use it all the time, but we sometimes use them to check our answers.

Thank you so much for your support with your child's education. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child and making his or her 5th grade experience a positive one.

Sincerely,

The 5th Grade Teachers
Harper Creek Middle School