

## 5th Grade Supplies

Many of these supplies will last into the upper grades, if they are labeled with the student's name and if care is taken not to lose them.

### At Home Items

**Ruler & Protractor** - Necessary when we do Geometry.

### At School Items

**Dictionary** – *The American Heritage Dictionary, 4<sup>th</sup> edition* (\$7.99) is an essential tool that can be used in 6<sup>th</sup> as well as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. We will use its **word origin resources** each week as we study root words and other vocabulary.

**Calculator** - Texas Instrument 30X Solar Scientific Calculator has all the advanced function keys needed plus a 2-line display that shows the problem as well as the answer.

**Binder** - 1 & 1/2 inches is a good size to fit in the desks; a velcro, zip or snap closure helps keep things inside; pockets are useful for bringing home Monday Notes and other papers that are not 3-hole punched. If the binder does not have pockets, buy a pocket page with 3 holes to keep in the binder.

**Dividers with tabs** - 10; these will go in your binder. Label them - Notes, Special, Art, Music, History, Science, Math, Reading, Writing, Spelling

**Paper** - college ruled; keep some in your binder and some at home.

**3 x 5 index cards** - for word study; we will use at least 100.

**Ruler** - avoid the thin plastic ones as they break.

**Clipboard** - used for field study, outside Science and Art, etc; wooden ones are durable.

**Pencils & a pencil box** - Buy a pack of pencils; extra erasers that go on the end of a pencil are sometimes useful as well; a pencil box or zip pocket (fitting in your binder) is important for keeping track of pencils and other writing tools.

**Pencil Sharpener** - A manual, hand-held version is best; we will use this for Art as well as other subjects and take sharpeners outside and on field studies when we do sketches.

**Highlighter** - Used in the Math journals, for Current Events and Content Area Reading; choose 3 colors.

**Pens** - blue or black for writing; other colors (gel, etc.) can be used for Art and for corrections, if easily visible, but not Writing assignments, Math, and so forth.

**Dry-Erase marker** - two seems the minimum to last the year; we use these extensively for Math work with white boards.

**Eraser** - an art eraser is very useful for drawing activities.

**Scissors** - good quality for Art, Math, Science.

**Glue stick** - one or more sticks for various gluing details.

**Old Sock** – or cloth, freshly washed! This is used to erase the Math white boards and store the dry-erase marker.

**Water bottle** - water is available in the class via a water dispenser; students may fill bottles and keep them at their desks; choose good quality plastic as the disposable ones leach their plastic into the water.

**Tea mug** - of non-sentimental value as a number of these break during the year; used for tea offered in the morning before class starts. More durable versions with lids are also fine.