

August 2021

Dear Middle School students and families –

Happy August! We hope you're having a great summer so far. We are looking forward to seeing all of you when school begins. Our first day is Thursday, September 2. We're writing to you to get you started thinking about coming back to school (there is a lot of summer left, don't worry!) and to let you know what to expect this year. It won't look like last year, and that's GREAT!

First, we hope you've had fun reading new books in June and July. We've really enjoyed hearing from you about what you're reading. **Remember that in August, you can choose to read *Misfits* by James Howe or *Anything but Typical* by Nora Baskin.** You're welcome to read both! And, you know what? If you have another book on the same theme--not fitting in--that you have been dying to read, please read that and email us and tell us what you are choosing, so that we can read it, too. You do not need to write us an email about your August book; just come to school ready to talk about it. If you need to borrow a copy, let us know; we have them both at school.

Second, we hope to see you at the **Nelson County Food Pantry on Friday, August 27 at 9:30 am.** We'll work from 9:30 - 11:30 (or whenever we're finished), and then, if you're able, we'll go to Vito's for lunch. If you need a ride to the Food Pantry, please let us know by calling or emailing us. We can meet you at NBS at 9 am, bring you to the Food Pantry, bring you from the Pantry to Vito's for lunch, and then bring you back to NBS around 1:30 pm. **Please let Katrien know by email** if you'll be joining us for the Food Pantry and for lunch afterwards--parents are welcome, and you can also drop kids off, and we'll take care of them until about 12:30 pm. If you can help us transport kids, please let us know that, too. More details will come as we get closer.

Third, we will begin the year with a **fabulous field trip to Triple C's challenge course.** On Friday, September 3, we'll spend the day dealing with low and high ropes challenges and other team-building activities. So excited to be able to get back there! **The cost is \$45 per person; school will pay \$20 of that, so your part is \$25, which you can bring in on the first day of school.** If you would like to work out another payment arrangement, please just let Katrien know.

With this letter, you should find a supply list for Middle School. Please let Katrien or Jennifer know if you have any questions about anything on this list. We know there is a lot of time before school starts, but we want to make sure you can take advantage of back-to-school sales and tax-free weekends, etc.

Finally, parents, please make sure we have your most up-to-date email address so that we can keep in touch with you. If you have any questions about the year, please feel free to email us. We look forward to a great year!

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Middle School Supply List – 2021-2022

Please email Katrien (KatrienV@nbsva.org) or Jennifer (JenniferP@nbsva.org) if you have any questions.

Your child should have at school (and leave at school):

- a **water bottle with your child's name permanently on it**
- a **face mask every day**; send in an extra one to live in the cubby in case the daily one is forgotten, please
- a **container (box, pouch, etc.) for your writing supplies** - Your supplies will live longer and be easier to find.
- pencils** - Please get two packs of 10 or 12--one for you and one to donate to the classroom
- a small **pencil sharpener** - we have one in the classroom, too
- highlighters** - a couple of colors for note-taking
- a small pack of **sticky notes** (like Post-It® notes) for note-taking
- colored pencils and/or magic markers** (for map work and other assignments)
- erasers**

We will supply basic math supplies, such as a ruler, calculator, scissors, protractor, dry erase marker, and white board. You do not need to buy those things.

We will supply basic classroom supplies, such as tape, glue, scissors, markers, extra pencils, extra highlighters.

Folders and Spirals:

- a **YELLOW** pocket folder and **YELLOW** spiral notebook (wide-ruled paper) for **Humanities**
- a **BLUE** pocket folder and **BLUE** spiral notebook (wide-ruled paper) for **Writing Workshop**
- a **GREEN** spiral notebook with wide-ruled paper and **GREEN** pocket folder for **Science**
- a **RED** pocket folder and **RED** spiral notebook with graph paper for **Math**
- a 5th-color pocket folder for **Reading** (you do not need a spiral notebook for Reading)
- for **Spanish**, 1 white, 3-ring binder (1-1 ½") and 1 package of 5 dividers for the binder
- a music folder -- any other color or design

(It's ok if your folders are patterned or decorated--try to make the designated color be the main color, so we can all tell which is your math folder and which is your WW folder. Have fun choosing! Please do not get one gigantic binder; these separate folders help students stay organized and take home only what they need.)

For Art: (please use your judgment—no need to break the bank!)

- One hardcover sketchbook to use at home and in class. It should be 8.5 x 11 or larger. It does not have to be new. If you already have a sketchbook that you are using, that is great: please keep using it!
- To keep at home (you might already have these from last year:
 - One white plastic eraser, colored pencils, crayons, pencil sharpener, # 2 or softer pencil.

We'll supply an assignment book, a Reading Log (composition book), Friday Folder, and a "math toolkit." Each student will also have his or her own Chromebook at school that will be assigned only to them for the year. We have 55-cent earbuds for all students that will stay in their cubby or supply box; students are also welcome to bring their own to leave at school.

Staples Link (your purchases help us buy more classroom supplies):

<https://www.staples.com/classroomrewards/parent/katrien-vance>