

SUPPLY LIST

for VALLEY PRESCHOOL CLASSES

BACKPACKS

Backpacks are not required, but are highly recommended. Most children like to bring a backpack to school each day and they can be very helpful in keeping personal belongings together. If you are purchasing a new backpack for your child, please keep in mind the size of your preschooler. Backpacks that are too large can potentially injure a child's back. The backpack should be large enough to accommodate a 2-pocket folder and any winter gear they will need for the snow, but small enough so it can easily be carried on your child's back. We suggest a medium-sized backpack. Check L.L. Bean or other companies that carry gear suitable for preschoolers. We also prefer simple backpacks, ones without wheels and metal pull-up handles. These tend to be clumsy and do not fit well in our storage space. Please clearly label everything your child brings to school with his or her name.

2-POCKET FOLDER

We would like each student to bring a 2-pocket folder to class every day. We will use this to transport important letters, messages, and artwork to and from school each day. If you would like to purchase a folder, you are more than welcome. We understand this can be a fun activity for your child to do to prepare for the school year. Folders will be available, free of charge, the first week of school if you would rather not purchase one yourself.

SLIPPERS

We invite all children to bring a pair of slippers to school to leave at school for the year. The children love the coziness and comfort it brings from home. It also helps us with cleanliness of the building, as children are not tracking snow, rain, and dirt from outside into the classroom.

EXTRA CLOTHING

We ask that all families send a Ziploc baggie of extra clothing with their child each day in their backpack. The bag will remain in your child's backpack unless otherwise needed and will go home each day. Please label the bag with your child's name and include the following season appropriate attire: pants or shorts, shirt, underwear, and socks. We have found that if children have a bathroom accident, they are much more comfortable changing into their own, familiar clothing afterward. There are also times when an art project goes awry or water from the sink gets out of control and a change of clothing is nice to have on hand.

LUNCHBOXES (WThF class only)

We support environmentally friendly practices at Valley Preschool and invite you to bring a lunch box to school when extended days start on Wednesdays in October. We think this will help with reducing waste and protecting our environment's natural resources by not using as many paper bags. You can still send lunch bags if you prefer. Please make sure the bag or box is clearly labeled with your child's name. Please keep in mind our space issue at school and keep lunch boxes to a reasonable size. Lunch boxes will be stored in the back room so if you plan on sending a perishable item, please include an ice pack.