



Children's Academy

### Middle School Supply List

Dear Parents,

Middle school students LOVE independence and choices. They also learn best from experience, especially when that experience entails the freedom to experiment and respond to challenges. With this in mind we have a tradition of taking our middle schoolers shopping to choose certain organizational tools like binders, folders, and planners on their own. Before we head out we will begin with an overview of what kinds of materials they'll be expected to keep track of, an assessment of organizing strategies that have worked for them in the past, and we'll hear sage advice from the eighth graders.

We will take them shopping on [Monday, September 10](#). Please send them to school by that day with:

- any binders and folders they would like to reuse
- an envelope labeled with their name with money to take shopping (\$30-\$60)
- the following basic supplies can be purchased ahead of time or on the day we shop:
  - at least 1 dozen pencils (mechanical preferred)
  - two erasers
  - 1 pack black or blue pens plus 4 - 6 individual pens [of any color](#)
  - 2 100 sheet packs college or wide ruled filler paper
  - 2 100 sheet packs graph ruled filler paper
  - 2 graph ruled composition books
  - 1 packet of 100 4x6 lined index cards (4x6)
  - calculator (either scientific/graphing or standard is fine)
- In addition, students will need:
  - 1 mandala plate from past years for snack (students new to VG, we have extras)
  - a lap top computer or tablet with internet capability. Students will need Google docs or word processing software like Microsoft Word or Pages and Excel or Numbers

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email us.

Sincerely,

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