

Suggested Supplies for Messmerland 2011-2012 School Year

I will collect a donation of \$5.00 per student to cover the cost of a classroom resource binder and eight dividers. I have purchased these supplies for the class. This binder will belong to the student but will remain in the classroom during the school year. The binder will be used and developed, throughout the year, into a student resource bank. The completed binder may be taken home at the end of the year. I have had positive feedback from many former students that their resource binder is very useful to them through junior high and even during high school.

If students wish to have a small personal **portfolio**, some **flat folders**, or **small notebook** to carry their assignments to and from school, this is also acceptable. Desk space is very limited so try to **avoid purchasing a giant binder** for this purpose. Consider how heavy it will be to carry to and from school each day in your backpack. As for backpacks, please **avoid purchasing very large backpacks***, which will not hang on the back of the student's chair. *(The larger rolling luggage backpacks are a major hazard in the aisles and under desks.)

Other suggested school supplies include:

Pencils, ballpoint pens, eraser(s), glue stick, colored pencils (for map activities), notebook paper, washable markers, calculator, white glue, highlighter(s), scissors, small stapler, and spiral notebook with graph paper (for math).

A **good quality compass** (with screw type adjustment) is a great addition to your tools for school. A **small protractor** will also be used this year.

All of these items are available for student use in the classroom, but many prefer to have their own supplies.

NOTE: One very useful item (not available in the classroom) is a USB flash drive. A personal flash drive is a great tool for my students to use to transport their computer work and access the class photos.