



MIDDLESEX COUNTY STEM CHARTER SCHOOL

Welcome to First Grade at MCSCS!

Please clearly **label** your child's jackets, sweaters, backpack, lunchbox and drink container with your child's **first and last name**. Teachers will not be responsible for locating misplaced clothing. Please have your children leave any non-educational materials (dolls, toys, stuffed animals, jewelry, makeup, etc.) at home. These items are a distraction and can be easily lost or stolen.

Please look over the attached supply list carefully. We highly suggest that all items are brought in at once to reduce the amount of back and forth transmission to the classroom. All of the supply list items should be labeled with your child's first and last name using a Sharpie marker or permanent marker.

Every day, your child should bring:





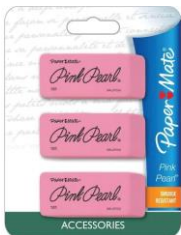



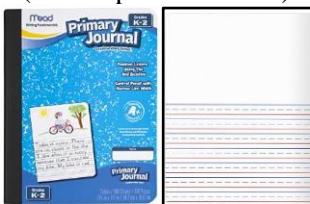




- A labeled **backpack** that is big enough to fit a lunchbox and a folder (no wheeled backpacks)
- A labeled, *reusable* **lunch box**
- A labeled, *reusable*, **plastic drink container** (for water only)
 - Please do not have your child bring a glass or stainless steel water bottle as they are very heavy and/or dangerous for the children to carry in school.
- **One change of clothes labeled in Ziploc bag** to be left at school, including:
 - One of each of the following: Underwear, shirt, pants, socks, shoes

Please see the attached First Grade supply checklist and purchase the items before the first day of school. When sending the items to the classroom, please put all the items in large bags with the following label attached. This helps ensure the items are given to the correct child and teacher.

These supplies belong to _____.
(child's first and last name)

MCSCS First Grade Supply Checklist

Please **label** all supplies with your **child's first and last name** using a Sharpie or permanent marker.

<p>1 plastic pencil box (with snap closure)</p> 	<p>3 boxes (24 pack) of Crayola crayons</p> 	<p>1 pack of Ticonderoga soft pencil sharpened, 30 count</p> 	<p>1 pack of colored pencils</p>
<p>2 packs of Elmer's purple jumbo glue sticks, 6 total</p> 	<p>3 Paper Mate pink erasers</p> 	<p>1 child-size pair of blunt tip scissors</p> 	<p>4 fine point, black dry erase markers (no colors please!)</p> 
<p>2 plastic folders (only PLASTIC please!)</p> 	<p>2 primary composition notebooks (blank space and lines)</p> 	<p>1 pair of headphones</p> 	<p>1 gallon size box of ziploc bags</p>
<p>1 pack of baby wipes</p> 	<p>1 large bottle of Purell hand sanitizer</p> 	<p>2 small boxes of tissues</p> 	<p>1 sandwich size box ziploc bags</p>
<p>Please have the following prepared for the first day of school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Please open the packaging and put the following inside the pencil box: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 box of crayons <input type="checkbox"/> 1 glue stick <input type="checkbox"/> 1 dry erase marker <input type="checkbox"/> 5 pencils, 1 eraser. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 pair of scissors <input type="checkbox"/> Any remaining supplies will be stored inside your child's cubby. 			

Parent Tips:

How can I prepare my child for the classroom this year?

As you know, this year will look very different. If you are wondering what you can do to prepare your child for being in the classroom, here are some tips to make the school year begin as safe as possible:



- Be sure your child can wash his or her hands on his or her own, correctly, to keep us all safe. Here is a great video link to make it fun.

[Jack Hartmann Wash Your Hands Rap Video](#)



- Have your child practice wearing a mask, increasing the time he or she keeps it on. Your child should also be able to take the mask off and on independently.

- Teach your child to blow his or her own nose, dispose of the tissue and then wash his or her hands.



- Send your child to school in shoes with **VELCRO**, not laces OR be sure your child can tie his or her own shoe laces.

- Your child should be able to go to the bathroom by his or herself, including being able to button and zipper clothing. Also, have him or her practice changing clothes independently because accidents do happen!



- Have your child practice putting his or her things (folder, lunchbox, etc...) in his or her backpack and then fastening and unfastening backpack hooks, latches and zippers. Please do not hang toys and keychains off your child's backpack so others do not want to touch and play with them.

- Have your child practice opening different kinds of snack containers independently (lunch and snack). Be sure your child can also open and close his or her water bottle.

