

K-3 Supply List 2010 - 2011

Welcome to the K3 program at ISC. We are so pleased you have chosen us for the beginning of your child's education.

You may be wondering if you need to purchase any school supplies. The answer is yes, but not the usual school supplies. We already have all the crayons, paints, glue, etc. our child will need. Here is a list of supplies needed, with explanations following:

1. Large labeled backpack—**big enough** for lunch, papers, crafts, etc.
2. Labeled water bottle or thermos—preferably spill proof
(A lunchbox is optional—because you can put their food and drink in the backpack. It's up to you!)
3. Document folder marked with your child's name.
4. Extra clothes—underwear, shorts, shirt, socks, shoes/ marked with your child's name.
5. Two boxes of tissues
6. One Refill package of baby wipes
7. One Sanitizing Hand Gel

Backpack and water bottles/thermoses.: These will carry snacks and drinks to school (there will be a snack time before first recess and another time to eat before going home) as well as carry home any papers, crafts, notes, or others things that need to go home will be in the document folder. The document folder you can buy it in the school store. Please make sure the backpack is **big enough** to carry these things (a lunchbox alone or a small backpack will not be big enough). Please put your child's name on the backpack, lunch box, thermos, document folder etc. as well as on **everything** you may send in. ***This is very important***—especially for the first days of school!!!

Extra clothes: Please put these in a sack/bag with your child's name on it. (Also, please write your child's name on the clothing tags as well.) These will be kept at school in case of an accident! Even if your child never has an accident, you need to send in the extra clothes—just in case! Sometimes there are drink spills and whole outfit—**including shoes**—needs to be changed.

Tissues, wipes, & gel: Please bring in two boxes of tissues and a refill package of baby wipes. These will be shared and used up one at a time. Please do not get the kind of wipes that have baby oil in them (yellow packages) because they leave hands oily. Sanitizing hand gel is the quick and easy way to clean hands without water! It's great in the classroom and hard to live without. You can purchase it in drug stores (Goisco and many boticas have it) near the soaps or lotions. The one from America is called Purell Instant Hand Sanitizer and the one from Holland is just called Hand Gel. Please bring

these items in during the first week of school. Also note that you may be asked to bring in more as the year progresses and they run out!

Other items:

Although you can pick any kind of closed-toed shoe for your child, please keep in mind the fact that shoes without laces are easier for teachers of young children to deal with. ☺ Also, please use belts that are easy to fasten and unfasten!

When it is your child's birthday, you may bring in a cake, cupcakes, cookies or some kind of treat if you want. It is nice to celebrate here at school. If your child's birthday falls during a holiday or the summer break, you may pick any day you choose for the school celebration.

There is one big important request! To make the first day of school less traumatic, if your child has never been to ISC, it would be beneficial for you to bring him/her in to meet the K3 staff and walk around the room for a few minutes before school begins. The staff will be here working in the days preceding the first day to prepare for school and it would be great if you could stop by for a few minutes. It really will make the first day a little easier for your child. Please call and arrange a time.

It would also be helpful if you could talk about school during the summer to your child. Make sure he/she understands that he/she will be going to a new school. Remind him/her that now that they are a big boy/big girl you are going to drop him/her off, they will stay and have fun, and then you will pick him/her up. These conversations will help make the first days of school a little easier. If your child doesn't speak English, please talk to him/her about the fact that English will be spoken at school and that soon he/she will speak and understand English too. Some parents have noticed it that it was helpful for their children when they were told, "Teacher talks like Barney (or Scooby-do, or Winnie the Pooh, etc.)."

Also, please let the staff know if your child has a food allergy or if there is something he/she is not allowed to eat. Often food is included in the lessons so all of the five of our senses are used. We need to know if there are any foods that need to be avoided. If we don't hear otherwise, we will assume your child has no food restrictions.

Anytime you have questions, please feel free to ask. We are here to help your child get off to a fun start to his/her school career and look forward to seeing you in August. Have a wonderful summer!

