

Getting Classroom Ready: Thoughtful Additions to Standard School Supply Lists

While your child's teacher might have already sent their supply lists to cover the basics, you may be thinking of strategic additions that can boost the classroom experience throughout the school year. If you are able, consider including some of these items that may not appear on the official school supply list this year.

Wellness Essentials

Classroom environments naturally bring many children together, creating spaces where germs can spread. Disinfecting products like Lysol Disinfecting Wipes help educators maintain classroom cleanliness by killing germs and bacteria that linger on surfaces, especially during cold and flu season, when used as directed. Additionally, personal items like travel-sized sunscreen and hand lotion can prevent sunburn from outdoor activities and dry skin from frequent handwashing, especially during winter months.

Learning Environment Enhancers

Many classrooms benefit from items that improve the physical learning space. If your child needs extra support and your school allows, noise-reducing headphones can help your child concentrate during quiet time. Tri-fold desktop privacy shields provide distraction-free workspaces during tests or independent work. These environment modifiers aren't essential items, but they can help improve your child's focus.



Seasonal Preparedness

Weather transitions often create unexpected classroom needs. A spare set of weather-appropriate clothes kept in your child's cubby or backpack can save the day after playground puddles or art accidents. For rainy days, spare umbrellas prove useful for the whole classroom.

Community Building Contributions

Supplies that support community-building activities may not appear on official lists but contribute significantly to classroom culture and bonding. Items like board games for indoor recess, fun non-character stickers for class rewards or celebrations, and communal art supplies help foster connection and belonging.

Reminder to always check with your school district regarding policies on supplemental items before purchasing. Some schools have specific restrictions on certain products or supplies.