



July 2017

Dear Parents and Students,

School will begin sooner than we know it and some parents have been wondering what students need to be ready for school this fall. The following is a list specific to ICA:

- Pens and pencils
- 3+ notebooks
- 3+ durable plastic folders
- 3+ glue sticks
- 6-8 rolls of double-sided tape
- 2 packs of notecards
- Dress pants and shorts (khakis or black preferred - for presentations)
- Waterproof hiking boots (at least ankle high)
- Leather "work" gloves
- Clothes for being outside in any weather  
(hat, gloves, rain gear, wool socks, winter boots, etc.)
- Water bottle
- Headphones or earbuds
- Sunscreen (lotion or pump preferred)
- Mosquito spray (wipes or pump preferred)
- Box of tissues
- Backpack for field experiences (extra clothes, socks, mini tissues, etc.)

The waterproof hiking boots do not need to be fancy or expensive (especially considering how fast kids grow at this age). Wal-Mart usually has several types, as do many other stores. The most important thing is they are waterproof and come at least to the top of the ankle. Waterproof tennis shoes or other low shoes do not work as well because when their socks get wet at the ankle, the water wicks down and then their



feet get wet from the inside out. Avoid steel-toed boots. It may be best to wait until late August when the hunting supplies begin appearing in the store. Girls may need to look in the boy's section for waterproof boots. If you have any questions about boots or purchasing boots is an issue, please contact me.

The following items are used during the year. For these items students may bring their own OR they may check out these items to use during the school year.

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| *Calculator / graphing calculator | *Ruler and Protractor   |
| *Jump drive                       | *3 ring binders         |
| *Markers                          | *Digital camera/SD card |
| *Scissors                         | *GPS                    |

Additional items the ICA is in need of throughout the year:

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| *Boxes of facial tissue                                       | *Plastic baggies (all sizes) |
| *Napkins  | *Backpack                    |
| *Paper Cups and Paper Plates (NO styrofoam or plastic please) |                              |

Students are responsible for all of the materials they check out to use during the school year – if the equipment is lost or damaged they will be required to pay to replace it. Students should label all personal supplies (including boots and clothing) with their name.

Students should be prepared for various weather conditions when we go outside. Light rain, cold, and snow are often conditions we deal with. If students are dressed properly, these can be great learning opportunities, but if students are not prepared, it can be miserable. A raincoat, hat, gloves, boots, and winter gear will be things your child will need. Staying dry means staying warm. Again, these items do not need to be fancy or expensive, especially since we tend to get a little dirty when we are outside. Again, if you have questions, please contact us.

**Please join us for Open House on Thursday, August 31 (11:00-7:00). We will discuss required paperwork and answer any questions you may have. You will also be required to stop in the high school library to checkout your iPad. Don't forget to get your school pictures taken in the appropriate school gym.**

We are looking forward to a great year! Enjoy the remainder of the summer.

Thank you,

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