



Great Blue Heron Herald

Dear Great Blue Heron Families,

Matt and I are excited to begin the year at our beautiful new campus on Eureka! We are already busy preparing the environment and ourselves for the year to come, and it's that time to let you know what materials your child needs to come with. This list is small, as you have already contributed to the supply fund that we use to provide all the consumable materials your child will need, like notebooks, pencils, glue, scissors, and folders.

- **Zipper pouch flat pencil case**
- **Indoor shoes or slippers**
- **Water bottle** (optional, as we have a water dispenser and bottle service for our classroom, and will be utilizing glassware.)
- **“head shot” photograph of each member of the family and one group family photo**, to do a classroom project for the start of the year. These can be printed on regular paper or glossy. 4x6 are the preferred dimensions. (Susan will have her camera at the potluck, as a back-up option for families.)

A note about clothing and being prepared: It is important to have **appropriate shoes for daily physical activity** such as running and playing at recess and for Phys. Ed. We encourage students to wear athletic shoes to school, or to bring a pair with them that can be used indoors and out, distinct from their indoor shoes. We believe in fresh air and outside time, so please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather so they can be comfortable and dry spending some time outdoors every day, rain or shine.

What *not* to bring:

(Please refer to the parent handbook for more details, but we would like to emphasize the following items)

- binders
- backpacks (unless truly needed for carrying items.) We will still have our cubby spaces for storing packs, but we encourage an informal policy of “only bring it if you need it.”
- electronic devices. If a student has a cell phone, they will check it in with their teacher upon arrival, and it will be returned to them at the end of the day.
- Personal toys, gaming cards and games, and personal sports equipment

We look forward to seeing you soon, at the orientation camps for all students, and at the potluck!

Susan & Matt