



community supplies

We are so fortunate to have brand new tables this year! As we get ready to start a year full of new experiences, we will be adjusting to the changes that will be required to make our classroom community one that is safe, welcoming, and efficient. We will be transitioning into a community supply organizational approach to maximize our space. Participating in this approach promotes responsibility, sharing, respect, and teamwork within the classroom. Using community supplies will allow the students to share pencils, markers, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, glue bottles, markers, Expo markers, and scissors. When we engage in activities that require the use of supplies, the students will be able to access the basket in the middle of their table to acquire the supplies they need. The benefits of using a community supply approach include the following:

- Supplies are less likely to be misplaced or lost since students will immediately return supplies to the communal basket, rather than the desk.
- Supplies are located quicker than if students are searching for the item in his or her desk.
- Community supplies are proved to last longer since they are stored in one common area.
- Students develop organizational habits that develop the responsibility for keeping materials neat.
- Community supplies support activity based and cooperative learning.
- All students will have access to the same supplies which eliminates the haves and have-nots of students who may use up supplies quicker.

*****Labeled boxes will be provided for drop off purposes at Open House*****

I am excited to see the many benefits that this organizational method allows for. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me! Thank you for your support in helping us develop a respectful, caring community that promotes sharing, working, and learning together!

Sincerely,
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