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Dear Parents and students:

We want to welcome you to fourth grade at Garden Road. It may seem early to be getting a letter about the start of a new school year, but we'll be busy this summer preparing for an exciting 2009-10 and we know that before you know it, you'll begin preparing also.

We will provide all the materials you will need for a successful year. However, we know that many students enjoy having their own materials and parents may want to take advantage of the bargains and sales which occur prior to the start of school. To help you do that we've prepared the following list of suggested materials you might want and we believe will be useful in fourth grade.

2" 3-ring binder. **No Trapper Keepers or zipper binders!**

5-subject dividers with slide-in paper tabs.

Colored pencils.

2 or more boxes (of 12) regular #2 pencils, sharpened. Ticonderoga pencils are preferred.

Eraser tops.

Ruler with inches/centimeters.

Scissors.

Glue stick (jumbo).

Box of **24** crayons.

A box of Kleenex to share with the class.

3-hole, lined paper, 500 sheets.

Zipper pencil pouch.

Pop-up disinfecting wipes.

Small pencil sharpener.

You might also want to think carefully about the clothes you may be buying for school. At Garden Road we do not allow blouses or tops that leave your tummy or back bare, pants which sag excessively, and shoes like sandals and platform shoes which prevent you from participating in active play. We want you to dress comfortably and safely.

Please enjoy your summer and come back prepared for a challenging and enjoyable year. We look forward to seeing you for the start of school.

Your fourth grade team.