

THINGS YOU WILL NEED

I. **IN CLASS:** Approximately 140 of our days together will be spent at school, where we will be involved in a wide variety of activities. Any special or unusual materials will be provided for you. There are, however, a few items you should acquire and have with you in class each day, right from day #1.

A. One sturdy three-ring binder in which you will be keeping all the handouts, all finished assignments, and all written/ composition work. We recommend at least a 3" binder.

B. Three (3) **8.5" x 11"** spiral notebook, with at least 200 sheets of paper. Print your name clearly on the front and back cover of the notebook. This notebook should be a multi-subject notebook. Pocket folders in the covers or the section dividers will be helpful to you.

C. One narrow ruled composition book to be used as your Reading Journal.

D. One **sturdy** 5.5" x 9.5"(ish) sketchbook (**Must fit in a gallon size Ziploc bag**)

E. Pencils and pens for writing, and a set of colored pencils for drawing (Small pencil box)

F. A free reading book

G. Flash (thumb) drive (these come in handy)

H. Kleenex boxes (2)

I. You will also need the following useful items in your cubby: scissors, scotch tape, white out, a stapler, a set of markers, fine point sharpies, white glue and small box to help store and keep organized (4" by 7")

II. **FOR FIELD STUDY TRIPS:** We will spend about 25 days during the year at the streams. On each of these days, regardless of the weather, you will get **WET!** So, **BE PREPARED!** We require that you bring the following items on each trip:

A. Old sneakers for wading in the water. (you never know what objects may be lurking on the stream bottom!)

(NOTE: Shoes must tie: slip-ons are not safe. So save those old camp / summer sneakers! No opened toed shoes/sandals in the stream)

B. A swimsuit, usually worn under your clothes

C. Old clothes you do not mind getting wet. We recommend an old sweatshirt, jeans or shorts (depending on the weather) and socks

D. A complete change of clothes to be left back at school or on the bus. Remember: being wet increases the chances of hypothermia (getting too cold). Dry clothes are important!

E. At least one towel. **(Please make sure all articles are clearly marked with your name !!!)**

F. On some trips you will need to bring your lunch. Please bring your lunch in double plastic bags. Avoid any glass containers, and keep trash to a minimum. You are responsible for your trash! What you pack in, you pack out! We recommend that you consider investing in reusable plastic containers. You might wish to bring a snack for the bus ride, too!

G. You might also find it useful to keep a box of plastic trash bags in your locker so you'll have a plastic bag to carry wet and dirty clothes home.

Please leave all valuables at home. If you have contact lenses, glasses or retainers, please carry an appropriate case or container with you on all trips.

Please remember: no matter where we go, be it a stream or a museum, YOU represent Radnor, WATERSHED, your Parents and Yourself. We will expect you to be the best that you can be at all times - Cooperative, Responsive and Polite.

The most important thing that you need to bring each day is a

POSITIVE ATTITUDE !!

Required Reading for the Summer:

Watershed: A Practical Handbook for Healthy Water, by Clive Dobson and Gregor Beck. 1999 ISBN: 1-55209-330-1
Chapters 1 and 2

Suggested Reading for the Summer:

Water: A Natural History. Alice Outwater. 1996 chapters 1 and 2 (This will be a challenging reading assignment, do not get frustrated, do the best you can.)