

What your child needs at The Children's Homestead

- Lunchbox with a snack and lunch. Please plan for trashless lunch, packing the food in servings in reusable containers that your child can manage him/herself. (When food and drink such as juice and yogurt are packed in resealable containers, children can have some for snack and eat or drink more later, and take the rest home, so parents know how much their child ate). We support healthy eating habits and ask that children do not bring items such as candy, cookies, soda, artificially flavored or sweetened food.
- A backpack that is a size your child can wear, and open and close. As you shop, please select bags and lunchboxes without commercial characters. Make sure that the backpack is large enough to hold all the layers that children may take off during the spring and fall.
- A change of clothes that stays at school, updated for the season and as your child grows.
- Slippers or indoor sneakers that your child can put on independently, without commercial characters, which will stay at school.
- On days with rain in the forecast or the ground is wet: a full set of rain gear: a jacket with hood, waterproof mittens when necessary, rain pants and waterproof boots that your child can put on independently. Durable boots are recommended, without commercial characters.
- On days with snow in the forecast or on the ground: a full set of snow gear: a jacket, snow pants, warm waterproof boots, warm socks (wool or fleece) warm, waterproof mittens, hat and neck warmer, if needed, that your child can put on independently.
- For children staying through the afternoon: a blanket for rest time that stays at school and gets washed weekly.

Thank you for thoughtfully preparing your child for school. That preparation is part of the environment we create together to support independence and success for children to grow/develop in confidence and self-esteem based on real accomplishments.