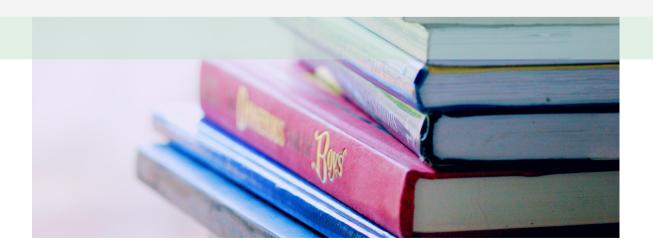
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Homeschool for Cheap or Free

GUIDE



YOUR MAIN MISSION

Since the 1830's American education has been hijacked by social engineers. In the 1920's, it was made slave to progressive humanism. The results are obvious; children who have been set adrift in a sea of dispair without a paddle or a compass.

When you homeschool your mission is to give your children a compass, a sexton, and a sail and set them in a sea of possibilities in Christ.



MOVE AWAY FROM THE GREEK MODEL OF CHILD AS CONSUMER OF INFORMATION

The Greeks attempted to think their way to God, so knowledge of the physical world and philosophies of the same took up the sum total of classical education. The Apostle Paul said "In Him we live and move and have our being." When we begin with God, our thoughts become ordered and our education has a more profound effect on our lives. This means foremost RELATIONSHIP--first with God and with each other (teacher to pupil), THEN facts and figures are added in.

CONCENTRATE ON TOOLS, THEN MOVE TO CONTENT

It's that old idea of the three R's. When a child can read well, write well, and has a grasp of logic and basic math, the rest of the world opens up to him.

REAL LIFE IS NOT AN ADD-ON, IT IS THE FOCUS OF A WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION

John Taylor Gatto once remarked that the tools of learning could be downloaded in about 60 teacher contact hours. With this in mind, the remainder of our time can be spent in applying these tools in the areas that matter for the good of the child and those he loves. While all academic areas are important, they do not exclude dealing with family businesses, babies, household chores, and the like.

Maximized Efficiency for Your Time and Money

Configure your homeschooling to meet these basic goals:

- Helping a child understand his relation to God and man (Bible, Christian apologetics, character studies).
- Helping a child understand his relation to his physical surroundings (basically, science which includes nature study and astronomy).
- Helping a child develop skills incorporating language and communication (this includes reading, literature, and all language arts, both English and other tongues).
- Helping a child to feel comfortable operating in an ordered universe and world of commerce (via logic study and maths).
- Helping a child grow into adult life (civics, economics, home skills, work skills).



Areas of concentration:

- Bible
- Character
- Christian Apologetics
- Creation Apologetics
- Life Skills and Homemaking
- Health
- · Literature Including Prose, and Poetry
- Writing Prose and Poetry
- Biographies
- Logic
- Math Concepts and Computation
- Science Topics
- Map (including Bible) Skills (Geography)
- Church History
- World History
- US History
- Art Study
- Music Study



We educate our children so they will be able to read and understand the Holy Scriptures and so they will be able to get along in life.

Homeschooling method in a nutshell:

- Books
- Discussion
- Writing
- Math
- Life Experiences

An alarming number of parents appear to have little confidence in their ability to "teach" their children. We should help parents understand the overriding importance of incidental teaching in the context of warm, consistent companionship. Such caring is usually the greatest teaching, especially if caring means sharing in the activites of the home.

-- Raymond Moore, School Can Wait

My Children Teach Themselves

And I get to learn along with them.

Auto-Didact: Self-taught

Self-education is the only possible education; the rest is mere veneer laid on the surface of a child's nature.

--Charlotte Mason

Setting Up:

- Gather a bunch of books and materials. Make a stack for each of your children, and a stack for you to read aloud and enjoy together.
- Put these stacks into individual baskets or bins for each person/purpose.
- Purchase some basic school supplies, such as notebooks, binders, pencils, crayons, composition books, etc.
- Print off some notebooking pages and other fun stuff for free from the Internet.
- Each day spend time reading aloud and talking with your kids.
- Then spend time teaching them to read and have them read from their stack of books and write in their notebooks and notebooking pages.
- Take time to teach them interesting and useful things, such as how to care for babies and pets and how to iron a shirt.
- Play some logic games and add in a math book for each person.



Books

Generally in these categories:

- Bible
- Early Reading
- Literature
- Biographies
- History
- Science
- Fun!

From these possible sources;

- Library
- Thrift store
- Garage sale
- Bookstore
- Online bookstore
- E-reader
- Printed at home



Book Lists

Here is a collection of books that meet these general criteria:

- Interesting (no boring textbooks)
- "Meaty"--no fluff
- Points toward God (or at least is truth, not emotion, based)
- Not "preachy"--no social engineering allowed

*This list is not exhaustive; you will certainly add your own finds to it!

New or used: \$ Out of Print: #

Kindle: *

Public Domain: &

And all the time we have books, books teeming with ideas fresh from the minds of thinkers upon every subject to which we can wish to introduce children.

--Charlotte Mason

Publishers:

- Yesterday's Classics
- Master Books
- Christian Liberty Press
 Dorling Kindersley
- Bethlehem Books
- **Dover Publications**
- Usborne
- Parragon
- Lamplighter

Sources:

- Google Books
- Gutenberg Project
- Internet Archive
- Heritage History
- Ebay
- Christianbook
- Rainbow Resource
- Amazon
- Garage sales, thrift stores, etc.

Sets:

- Bookshelf for Boys and Girls#
- My Book House #&
- Golden Treasury of Knowledge #
- American Heritage History #
- Golden Book U S History #
- Childcraft # \$ (older are best)

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Level 1 read alouds

- Bible Stories (from the Bible itself, look for a printable list) \$&
- Mother Goose Rhymes (numerous collections) \$&
- Fables (numerous collections) \$&
- Folk and Fairy Tales
 (numerous collections) \$&
- My Book House: In the Nursery \$&
- My Book House Story Time\$
- Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel, Virginia Lee Burton \$
- Frog and Toad series,
 Arnold Lobel \$

- Childcraft Poems and Rhymes and Stories and Tales
- Little Golden Books \$
- Bookshelf for Boys and Girls, Nursery Favorites Old and New, Happy Hours in Storyland, Folk and Fairy Tales #
- The Little House, Virginia Lee Burton \$
- Katy and the Big Snow,
 Virginia Lee Burton \$
- Curious George series, H.A. Rey \$
- Anything P. D. Eastman \$
- Anything Dr. Seuss \$
- Madeline series, Ludwig
 Bemelmans \$

Level 2:

- Anything from Level 1 that can be read independently
- The Reading-literature
 Primer by Harriette Taylor
 Treadwell and Margaret
 Free \$&
- I Can Read series of books

Level 3:

- Reread fables, folk tales, and fairy tales
- Reading-Literature 1st through 4th Reader, Treadwell and Free
- James Otis, historical fiction such as Peter of New Amsterdam and Ruth of Boston &
- James Baldwin *&
 - 50 Famous Stories
 Retold
 - Robinson Crusoe
 Written Anew for
 Children
 - Four Great Americans
 - Etc.

New or used: \$
Out of Print: #

Kindle: *

- Any volume from Childcraft
- Roald Dahl books, especially The Fantastic Mr. Fox and The Twits
- Any volume from My Book House, Olive Beaupre Miller #&
- Bookshelf for Boys and Girls #
 - Happy Hours in Storyland,
 - o Folk and Fairy Tales,
 - Songs and Stories from Many Lands,
 - Things to Make and Do,
 - Art and Music.
 - Nature and Science (evolution),
 - Bookland Classics,
 - Great Events and Famous People

- Louisa May Alcott: *&
 - o An Old Fashioned Girl
 - Eight Cousins
 - Rose in Bloom
 - Under the Lilacs
 - Little Women
 - Little Men
 - ∘ Jo's Boys
- Lamb's Tales Charles and Mary Lamb *&
- The Chronicles of NarniaC.S. Lewis \$
- Gene Stratton Porter *&
 - Freckles
 - A Girl of the Limberlost
 - Laddie: A True Blue Story
- Eleanor H. Porter*&
 - o Pollyanna
 - Miss Billy Married
 - Just David
 - Dawn
 - The Tangled Threads
- Jean Fritz\$
 - Around the World in a Hundred Years
 - The Cabin Faced West

New or used: \$
Out of Print: #

Kindle: *

- George MacDonald *&
 - The Princess and the Goblin
 - The Light Princess
- The Railway Children E.
 Nesbit *&
- Francis Hodgson Burnett *&
 - The LIttle Princess
 - Little Lord Fauntleroy
 - The Secret Garden
- Just So Stories *& Rudyard
 Kipling
- Lucy Maud Montgomery*&

 Anne of Green Gables
- The Boxcar Children*&
 Gertrude Chandler
- Carry on Mr. Bowditch\$
 Jean Latham
- Snow Treasure\$ MarieMcSwigan
- Mr. Popper's Penguines \$
 Richard and Florence

 Atwater

- Allen French &
 - Sir Marrok: A Tale of the Days of King Arthur*&
 - The Story of Rolf and the Viking's Bow \$*&
 - The Colonials *&
- Howard Pyle *&
 - Some Merry
 Adventures of Robin
 Hood \$*&
 - King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table \$*&
 - Otto of the Silver Hand \$*&
- Elizabeth George Speare \$
 - Witch of Blackbird Pond
 - The Bronze Bow
 - o The Sign of the Beaver
 - o Calico Captive
- McBroom's Wonderful One-Acre Farm \$ Sid
 Fleischman
- Cheaper by the Dozen \$
 Frank and Ernistine
 Gilbreth
- The Phantom Tolbooth \$
 Norton Juster

New or used: \$
Out of Print: #

Kindle: *

- Hilda Van Stockum \$
 - The Winged Watchman
 - The Borrowed House
 - Five for Victory
- Twenty and Ten \$ Claire
 Hucket Bishop
- The Wright Brothers \$
 Quenton Reynolds
- All of a Kind Family \$ Sydney Taylor
- Amos Fortune, Freeman \$
 Elizabeth Yates
- Up From Slavery \$*&
 Booker T. Washington
- Archimedes and the Door to Science \$ Jeanne
 Bendick
- The Little Riders \$
 Margaretha Shemin
- Old Yeller \$ Fred Gipson
- Bound for Oregon \$ Jean
 Van Leeuwen
- The Borrowers (series) \$
 Mary Norton

- Alice Dalgliesh \$
 - The Courage of Sarah
 Noble
 - The Bears on Hemlock Mountain
 - The 4th of July Story
 - The Thanksgiving Story
- A Hive of Busy Bees \$ & Effie M. Williams
- Alice Turner Curtis \$*&
 - A Little Maid of Massachusetts Colony
 - A Little Maid of Province Town
 - A Little Maid of Old New York
 - o etc.
- Gabriel and the Hour Book
 & Evaleen Stein
- James Otis \$#*&
 - Richard of Jamestown
 - Ruth of Boston
 - Peter of Amsterdam
- E. B. White \$
 - Stuart Little
 - Cricket in Times Square
 - Charlotte's Web

New or used: \$
Out of Print: #

Kindle: *

Public Domain: &

- Margeurite Henry \$
 - Brighty
 - Misty of Chincogeague
 - Justin Morgan Had a Horse
 - o Etc.
- Adam of the Road \$
 Elizabeth Janet Gray
- Wind in the Willows\$*&
 Kenneth Grahame
- Robert Louis Stevenson \$*&
 - Kidnapped
 - Treasure Island
 - A Child's Garden of Verses
- The Martyr of the Catacombs A Tale of Ancient Rome*&

Anonymous

- Johnny Tremain \$ EstherForbes
- The Rats of NIMH \$
 Robert C. O'Brien

- Heroes of History \$
 - George Washington
 Carver
 - Harriet Tubman
 - Clara Barton
 - Abraham Lincoln
 - Thomas Edison
 - George Washington
 - Daniel Boone
 - Milton Hershey
 - o Etc.
- Christian Heroes: Then and Now \$
 - Gladys Aylward
 - Nate Saint
 - Hudson Taylor
 - o Corrie ten Boom
 - o Etc.
- R. M. Ballantyne \$*&
 - The Coral Island
 - The Dog Crusoe
 - The Pioneers
 - Hunted and Harried
 - o Etc.
- Isabella Alden (Pansy) \$*&
 - Ester Ried series
 - Chataqua Girls series
 - The Man of the House
 - o Etc.

New or used: \$
Out of Print: #

Kindle: *

- G. A. Henty--loads of titles \$*&
- Little House series \$ Laura Ingals Wilder
- J. R. R. Tolkien.
 - The Hobbit
 - The Lord of the Rings trilogy
 - Silmarilion
 - o Ftc
- Heidi Johanna Spyri
- Adventures of Pinocchio
 Carlo Collodi
- Genevieve Foster \$
 - George Washington's World
 - Augustus Caesar's World
 - o Etc.
- Helen Keller: Story of My Life
- The Story of the Periodic
 Table Benjamin Wiker
- Answers books, Ken Ham

- The First Book of: &
 - Stones &
 - o Birds &
 - o Trees &
 - Water &
 - Bees &
- John Monteith *&
 - Familiar Animals and Their Wild Kindred
 - Living Creatures of Water, Land, and Air
- Washington Irving
 - The Sketchbook of Geoffrey Crayon, including The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Rip Van Winkle
- Dinosaurs by Design
 Duane Gish Ph. D.
- Jules Verne
 - Journey to the Center f
 the Earth
 - Around the World in 80 Days
 - Etc.
- Dinosaurs by Design
 Duane Gish Ph. D.

New or used: \$
Out of Print: #

Kindle: *

- Poems Every Child Shouold Know, Mary H.
 Burt
- The Pilgrim's Progress, \$*&
 John Bunyan
- Great Inventions and Their Inventors, Frank P.
 Bachman
- Little Visits With God, #\$
 Allan Hart Jahsmann
- The Bible--all books.
- Corrie ten Boom
 - o This Day is the Lord's
 - o In My Father's House
 - o Tramp for the Lord
- The Story of the Von Trapp
 Family Singers \$ Maria
 Augusta Von Trapp
- Usborne
 - World History
 - Time Traveler
 - Science Encyclopedia

Level 4:

- Exploring \$
 - the History of Medicine
 - o the World Around You
 - the World of Physics
 - the World of Mathematics
 - the World of Chemistry
 - the World of Biology
 - Planet Earth
- As a Man Thinketh *&
- The Case for Christ \$ LeeStrobel
- But Don't All Religions Lead to God? Michael Green
- More Than a Carpenter \$#
 Josh McDowell
- Paul E. Little
 - Know What You Believe
 - Know Why You Believe
 - Know Who You Believe
- Dr. Norman Vincent Peale
 - The Power of Positive Thinking
 - The Positive Power of Jesus Christ
 - Enthusiasm Makes the Difference

New or used: \$
Out of Print: #

Kindle: *

- Andrew Wommack \$
 - Christian Philosophy
 - Harnessing Your Emotions
 - o Spirit, Soul, and Body
- Elizabeth Elliot \$
 - Through Gates of Splendor
 - Let Me Be a Woman
 - The Mark of a Man
 - Passion and Purity
 - The Shaping of a Christian Family
- Gaining Favor With God and Man William M. Thayer #&
- Beautiful Girlhood *&\$
 Mabel Hale
- Money, Greed, and God \$
 Jay W. Richards
- Richard J. Maybury \$
 - Whatever Happened to Penny Candy
 - Whatever Happened to Justice

- Grand Illusions \$# George
 Grant
- Benjamin Wiker Ph. D. \$
 - 10 Books That Screwed
 Up the World, and Five
 Others That Didn't Help
 - 10 Books Every
 Conservative Must
 Read
 - The Darwin Myth
- The Useful Book \$ Sharon
 Bowers. David Bowers
- Home Comforts \$ Cheryl
 Mendelson
- Home Economics \$
 Jennifer Mcknight Trontz
- Teen Guide to
 Homemaking & textbook
- Charles Dickens
 - Nicholas Nickleby
 - Oliver Twist
 - A Tale of Two Cities
 - A Christmas Carol
 - o Ftc.
- C. S. Lewis \$
 - The Screwtape Letters
 - o The Great Divorce
 - Mere Christianity
 - o The Joyful Christian

New or used: \$
Out of Print: #

Kindle: *

- Jane Austen \$*&
 - Fmma
 - Northanger Abbey
 - Pride and Prejudice
 - Sense and Sensibility
 - Persuasion
 - Mansfield Park
- Don Quixote \$*& Miguel de Cervantes
- 101 Famous Poems
- The Joy of Chemistry \$
 Cathy Cobb
- Barron's \$
 - ∘ E-Z Business Math
 - ∘ E-Z Algebra
 - E-Z Geometry
- Streams of Civlization I & II\$&
- Charles Coffin \$*&
 - Story of Liberty
 - Sweet Land of Liberty
 - The Boys of 76
- King Alfred's English \$
 Laurie White

- America's Providential
 History \$# Mark a Beliles
- We Had Everything But Money # Deb Mulvey
- Ben Hur \$*& Lew Wallace
- The Robe \$# Lloyd C.
 Douglas
- Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage \$ Alfred Lansing
- Evidence Not Seen \$
 Darlene Deibler Rose
- Richard Wurmbrand \$
 - Tortured for Christ
 - ∘ In God's Underground
- The Hiding Place \$ Corrie ten Boom
- A Chance to Die \$
 Elizabeth Elliot
- Against the Tide \$
 (Watchman Nee bio)

 Angus Kinnear
- Basil Miller \$#
 - John Wesley
 - Charles Finney
 - George Muller
- Benjamin Frankline Autobiography

New or used: \$
Out of Print: #
Kindle: *

- The Life of Smith Wigglesworth, Jack Hywel-Davies
- Elizabeth Prentiss \$*&
 - Stepping Heavenward
 - Aunt Jane's Hero
- Foxe's Book of Martyrs \$*&
 John Foxe
- The Practice of the Presence of God \$*&
 Brother Lawrence
- A. W. Tozer \$
 - The Pursuit of God
 - The Attributes of God
 - The Knowledge of the Holy
- The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life \$*& Hannah
 Whitall Smith
- Peter Marshall/David
 Manuel
 - The Light and the Glory
 - From Sea to ShiningSea

- Francis Schaeffer
 - The God Who is There
 - Escape From Reason
 - He is There and He is Not Silent
 - o Etc.
- The God Makers \$ Ed
 Decker and Dave Hunt
- Conversations With Jehovah's Witnesses: A Friendly Approach\$ Ron Rhodes
- God's Smuggler \$ Brother
 Andrew
- Ever Increasing Faith \$ Smith Wigglesworth
- Prison to Praise \$ Merlin
 Carothers
- Edith Schaeffer\$
 - The Hidden Art of Homemaking
 - ∘ L'Abri
- Catherine Marshall
 - A Man Called Peter
 - Christy
- National Geographic
 Visual History of the World

New or used: \$
Out of Print: #

Kindle: *

- Edgar Guest anthologies \$*&
 - Just Folks
 - The Path to Home
 - ∘ Heap O' Livin
- Celebration of Discipline \$
 Richard Foster
- Works of Josephus \$*&
- The Treasury of David \$*&
 Charles Spurgeon
- Hannah Hurnard
 - Hinds Feet on High Places
 - God's Transmitters
- Beyond Freedom and Dignity B. F. Skinner vs. Freedom and Beyond John Holt
- A Tale of Three Kings \$
 Gene Edwards
- Books by Watchman Nee

- Alexander Dumas \$*&
 - The Three Musketeers
 - The Man in the Iron Mask
 - The Count of Monte Cristo
- The Last of the Mohicans
 \$*& James Fenimore
 Cooper
- The Scarlet Pimpernel \$*&
- Sir Walter Scott \$*&
 - Ivanhoe
 - Rob Roy
- Shakespeare's Plays
 - o Taming of the Shrew
 - o As You Like it
 - The Comedy of Errors
 - All's Well That EndsWell
- What's Wrong with the World \$*& G. K. Chesterton
- Evolution Handbook \$&
 Vance Ferrell

New or used: \$
Out of Print: #

Kindle: *

Public Domain: &

Authors:

Use this list when looking up old books online or at book sales, book stores, etc.

- Howard Pyle
- James Baldwin
- Jacob Abott
- Alfred J. Church
- Charles Coffin
- Julia D. Cowles
- Helene Guerber
- John Haaron
- Jennie Hall
- Nathaniel Hawthorne
- George Hodges
- John Monteith
- Washington Irving
- Janet Kelman
- Andrew Lang
- Jeanie Lang
- John Lang
- Marion Lansing
- H. W. Mabie

Authors (cont):

- Mary Macgregor
- H. E. Marshall
- J. W. McSpadden
- Charles Morris
- Frederick Ober
- James Otis
- Lucy F. Perkins
- Mara L. Pratt-Chadwick
- Edwin Sabin
- Amy Steedman
- Evaleen Stein
- E. M. Tappan
- George Upton
- Amy Le Feuvre
- Jean Henri Fabre
- Elizabeth Prentiss
- Sara Ware Bassett
- Horatio Alger
- Mrs. O. F. Walton
- Grace Livingston Hill
- G. K. Chesterton
- Mark Twain
- Leo Tolstoy
- Hesba Stratton
- Beatrix Potter
- Robert Louis Stevenson
- Laura Lee Hope
- G. A. Henty

[Homeschooling]...recipe for genius: More of family and less of school, more of parents and less of peers, more creative freedom and less formal lessons.

--Raymond Moore

- Nathaniel Hawthorne
- Elizabeth Gaskell
- Charles Dickens
- Thornton Burgess
- Arthur Scott Bailey
- Jane Austen
- Louisa May Alcott
- Grace Richmond
- Pansy or Isabella Alden
- E.D.E.N. Southworth
- Charlotte Maria Tucker A.L.O.E.
- Maria L. Nesbitt
- Mary Emily Ropes
- R. M. Ballantyne



Study Themes

To help when planning

- Bible
 - Stories
 - Books
 - Themes
 - Words
 - Characters
- History
 - o Bible
 - America
 - Egypt
 - Greece
 - Rome
 - Africa
 - Asia
 - Europe
- Science
 - Animals and bugs
 - Plants
 - Biomes
 - Ocean
 - The universe
 - Geology
 - o Physical laws
 - o Biological investigation
 - Chemical investigation
 - How things work



Reference Works

To be gathered gradually

- Atlases
 - o Bible
 - World
 - US history
 - World history
- Encyclopedia set
- Good dictionary
- Nature guides
 - o Handbook of Nature Study
 - o Peterson guides
 - o ABC's of Nature
 - Wonders of Creation
 - Cave
 - Fossil
 - Geology
 - Ecology
 - Archeology
 - Mineral
 - Weather
 - Astronomy
 - Ocean
- How things work
 - The Way Things Work David Macaulay
 - How Things Work
 - Dorling Kindersley
 - Usborne
- Science encyclopedia
 - Usborne
 - Dorling Kindersley
- Grammar guide/encyclopedia
- Math guide/encyclopedia
- Art encyclopedia
- Music history and notation
- Foreign language dictionaries



Reference Works (cont)

To be gathered gradually

For Mom (and Dad)

- John Taylor Gatto
 - The Underground History of American Education
 - Dumbing Us Down
- Raymond Moore
 - Better Late than Early
 - The Successful Homeschool Family Handbook
- Ruth Beechick
 - A Biblical Home Education
 - The Three R's
 - You Can Teach Your Child Successfully
 - How to Write Clearly
- Karen Andreola
 - A Charlotte Mason Companion
 - Mother Culture
 - A Pocketful of Pinecones
 - Lessons at Blackbury Inn
- For the Children's Sake Susan Schaeffer Macaulay
- Teaching from Rest Sarah Mackenzie
- Home Education Charlotte Mason
- When Children Love to Learn Elaine Cooper, et al
- Homeschool Bravely Jamie Erickson



A short listing of simplified (and/or old-fashioned) books and series

Math

- Everyday Arithmetics &
- Ray's Arithmetics &
- Hamilton's Arithmetics &
- Wentworth's Arithmetics &
- Usborne and Dorling Kindersley \$
- Practical Arithmetics \$

Reading

- McGuffey Readers \$&
- Reading-Literature readers, Treadwell and Free \$&
- Elson Readers &
- Reading with Expression (James Baldwin) &

Grammar

- Primary Language Lessons \$&
- Grammar Land &
- Gentle Grammar \$
- Reading with Expression (James Baldwin) &
- The Child's Own English Book &



Supplies

The most important with an* all others optional

- Writing implements
 - o pencils*
 - o pens
 - o erasable pens
 - highlighters
- Drawing implements and art supplies
 - o crayons*
 - colored pencils*
 - o markers
 - watercolors
 - o watercolor pencils
 - acrylics
 - watercolor paper
 - o brushes
 - o canvas
- Paper
 - o composition books
 - o spiral notebooks
 - o loose lined paper
 - o printer paper
 - o colored paper
- Binders
- Folders*
- Glue*
- Scissors*
- Index cards
- Sticky notes
- Rulers and other measuring devices
- Globe
- Chalk/white board and chalk/pens
- Kindle/Nook
- Laptop/desktop
- Printer