

# Preschool Supply List

## Little Bears University

1. **Backpack or tote bag:** This bag needs to be large enough to hold a water bottle, lunch box and a folder. Children should be fairly independent in opening and closing this bag. Please **label** with your child's name.
2. **Folder:** Two-pocket folder for artwork and school-home communications. Please write the child's name on the folder.
3. **Hard Pencil Case:** This will be labeled and used to house individual sets of art and writing materials.
4. **Lunch (Full day) and Snack:** For snacks, we recommend one food item and a drink. Lunch should include a few options of nutritious foods. Please **label** your child's lunch box with his/her name and include an ice pack or insulated container to keep perishable items fresh. Please **DO NOT** send foods that need to be heated. Staff are available to help with opening containers, however please consider containers that will allow your child to independently serve themselves. It is helpful if containers are **labeled** as well.
5. **Water bottle:** Children will be encouraged to stay hydrated while at school. Please label your child's water bottle with their name.
6. **Clothes:** Please dress your child in play clothes. We provide smocks for messy activities however, it is difficult to keep children's clothing clean at school. Additionally, dress your child according to the weather. We try to go outside on a daily basis weather permitting.
7. **Footwear:** Preschoolers should wear sneakers or secure shoes to school. Open toe shoes and flip-flops can cause a safety hazard on the playground and during gross motor activities.
8. **Diapering Supplies:** If your child does not use the toilet yet, please send in several diapers/pull-ups and wipes. Staff will keep them in your child's labeled cubby. A note will be sent home when more is needed.
9. **Spare Clothes:** We do expect children will have accidents. Please pack **TWO** sets of seasonally appropriate spare clothes to be kept at school (Undergarments, socks, shirt, pants, shoes if possible). **LABEL** each item with your child's name and place them in a **labeled** bag. Also include two plastic bags for storing soiled clothing to be sent home.
10. **Face Coverings:** Children will need to wear a cloth face covering or mask throughout their school day. We expect that these may become soiled and need to be changed. Please send an extra face covering to be kept at school as well as a bag for storing a soiled mask to be sent home. Please **LABEL** with the child's name. (See Thomaston Public Schools [Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan](#))
11. **Rest/Nap Supplies (Full Day):** Fitted crib sheet and blanket labeled clearly with child's name. Bedding will be sent home weekly to be washed and returned. Please do not send in a sleeping bag as they do not stay on the cot.
12. **Family Photo:** In an effort to create a welcoming, home-like environment, we will place family photos around the classroom. Please send in a 4x6 photo of your family.
13. **Photo of child:** We will use words as well as photos to label children's belongings around the classroom. Please send a 4x6 photo or **email** a photo of your child to label his cubby space.

\* During the winter months, be sure to send shoes to wear inside when boots are removed.

\* During the summer months, please prepare your child for warm weather activities with appropriate clothing, sun hat, and sunscreen.