

Earthquake/Disaster Comfort Kits

All students are required to supply their own comfort kits to be used in case of an emergency/disaster. These items should be included in the comfort kit, which must be brought to school on the first day of the new school year:

_____ **Space Blanket** – This item can be purchased at Target, Big 5 or any camping store. It is folded and very compact. Cloth blankets are not allowed due to limited space.

_____ **Stocking cap** – Please include a warm hat even if your child tells you he/she would never wear it. If a disaster occurred during the winter months, maintaining body heat would be very important.

_____ **Pair of tube socks** – These are needed to maintain body heat also.

_____ **Wet wipes** – Please include a **travel size** package of wet wipes. A large container is not allowed due to limited space. Please do not include wipes from a supply at home sealed in a ziplock bag. The ziplock bag does not seal tightly enough to prevent the scent of the wet wipes from escaping. This can contaminate not only your child's kit, but kits of other children as well. Travel size packages of wet wipes may be found in the infant or travel/section of Target, QFC, etc.

_____ **Flashlight with batteries** – To save space, the batteries may be placed inside the flashlight. Please include a **flashlight**, not a light stick.

_____ **Large garbage bag** – These may need to be used to keep your child dry. Please be sure that you include a **large** plastic bag – not a kitchen bag or a plastic grocery bag.

_____ **Snack size food** – In an emergency, your child may need to rely on the snack food from his/her kit for more than one day. Please include enough food to last throughout the emergency. This can be nuts, cheese & crackers, fruit snacks, candy, fruit/pudding cup, or whatever your child likes to eat. Please do not send water or juice. Water will be provided in each classroom.

_____ **Plastic spoons** – If the snack food you have provided requires a spoon, please include a spoon for each item.

_____ **Family photo**

_____ **Letter from parent to comfort child** – Please include a letter even if you don't think your child would need one.

These items should be sealed into a **ONE GALLON** ziplock bag. Do not use a larger ziplock bag, or a bag that does not seal. The individual kits will be placed into classroom bins, space is limited. Attached to this letter are checklists – please include a completed checklist in each child's bag. The outside of the bag should be labeled with the child's name.

Do not include matches or candles – these could be dangerous in the presence of a gas leak. Do not include first aid materials. Medical kits are provided in each classroom.

At the end of each school year the kits will be sent home so that fresh supplies can be added for the next year. Please replace the snack items, batteries and wet wipes (if needed). Every September, each kit will be individually checked to be sure that each student has the required items.

Name _____

Grade _____

I have included these items in my kit:

_____	space blanket	_____	large garbage bag
_____	stocking cap	_____	snack-sized food
_____	tube socks	_____	plastic spoons
_____	wet wipes	_____	family photo
_____	flashlight/batteries	_____	letter from parent