



Community Basket

Work Tools "At Arms Reach"



Purpose:

To ensure that any student coming to the Nurturing Support Centre will be equipped to attempt tasks requested by the adults. By having tools "At Arms Reach," if a student arrives without work tools, this will not be an issue.

This sets a context whereby adults generously offer and provide support to students. Items are borrowed by students and returned prior to leaving the NSC. If it is known that a student does not have their own supplies, please provide personal tools to help them be prepared for work when they return to class.

It is key that these materials be available throughout the school year.

It is also advantageous to have a few smaller *Community Baskets*, available as individual or small group work stations within the NSC. It conveys the message that when one is 'ready to work' they can leap forward, borrow what they need and proceed ahead.

Suggested materials:

- 1 – bin/basket with containers for groups of items or a sectional bin/basket
- 12 pencils
- 1 set of 24 pencil crayons
- 6 thin dry-erase markers (various colors)
- 1 set of thin markers
- 1 set of large markers
- 3 rulers (30mm/12 inches)
- 4 pens
- 3 post-it pads
- 4 erasers
- 2-3 sharpeners
- 3 glue sticks
- 2-3 pairs of scissors
- 4-6 highlighters (various colors)
- Labeling tape or thin Sharpie permanent marker to individually label each item

Note 1: It is also helpful to have 1 package of lined paper and scrap paper for brainstorming in a nearby basket.

Note 2: Having 2 geometry sets available for older students is an asset, however these should be kept in safe keeping from younger students.