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Dear Parents,

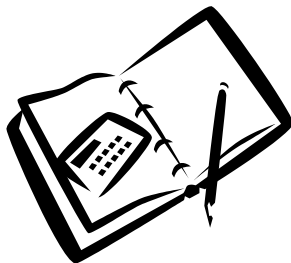
Next year we are asking for the parents to purchase a binder for their child that has the features listed below. Please try to find a binder that meets the requirements listed below. We know that some students' binders last longer than others, and we wanted to give you the option to purchase one that will meet the needs of your child.

**Features of the ID Binder:**

- This binder should have an expandable file. Your child needs at least 10 pockets in it. The binder can have rings, but these tend to break easily. **Students will be asked to keep all of their papers and handouts in the expandable file, NOT in the rings.**
- The binder should include a zipper pocket for pencils, pens, Mount Pisgah Bucks, etc. (You may need to purchase a separate zipper pocket to add to the binder, if one is not built in).
- Many students have chosen to carry a satchel with their binder inside. That is allowed as well.

Next year, students will not be graded on their binder in study skills. Instead, we will be spending time in study skills (once a month) cleaning out our binder and organizing papers. Other private schools in the Atlanta area recommend expandable file binders, and when Mrs. Keeton surveyed students, most said that they preferred the expandable file to the traditional 3-ring binder.

We are also in the process of ordering your child's school supplies for next year. We will order a prepackaged kit for each child that will include all paper, writing utensils, etc. These supplies will not be shared; they will belong to each child. When you receive your summer packet, it will include the cost of the supplies, novels and workbooks. You will be able to write a check to MPCS to cover these costs, and it minimizes your shopping. The only items we need for you purchase on your own are the Clorox Wipes, a box of Kleenex, and a binder.



Sincerely,

The Intermediate Teachers