Grades Gear List

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LIST OF SUPPLIES STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE EVERY DAY (no matter the weather)

- Backpack (25-30 L for grades 5 - 8)
- Rain jacket or warm winter jacket (waterproof)
- Rain pants or insulated winter snow pants (water-resistant or waterproof)
- Non-cotton warm layer (wool is recommended)
- Water bottle
- Sun hat (mandatory grades 1-4, strongly recommended for all grades)
- Warm hat
- Mittens (waterproof strongly recommended)
- Waterproof, closed-toe boots (Bogs or Muck boots for example)
- Sneakers
- Socks (Crew or longer, wool recommended)
- Sunscreen, bug/tick spray (*optional*)

Included here is a list of outerwear gear ideas (items in purple are required):

- Start with a solid base layer: Wool socks, long underwear pants and long sleeve shirts made of silk, wool, or insulating poly…. cotton isn't suitable because it holds the wet next to your skin and its insulating value drops when wet.
- Mid layer: Light to mid weight long pants and long sleeves as needed. Wool, polar fleece, silk, various acrylics are all good options. Again, avoid cotton when there is a threat of wet weather. The mid layer often consists of multiple thin layers of clothing which can be taken on and off as needed.
- Outer layer: depending on the weather this layer may consist of rubber or otherwise waterproof rain pants, or snow pants, swants (sweater pants), or simple shell pants made of a wind and water repellent material like gore tex.
- Winter coat: Good outer layers for your weather readiness arsenal include: down jacket, wool or fleece vest, wool sweaters, wool jacket, wool overcoat, water and wind repellant shell parka with hood.
- Warm hat, wool or acrylic, no cotton
- Mittens or gloves, leather, wool, or wind and water repellant (2 pairs)

- Neck gaiter or scarf of silk, wool, or acrylic
- Winter boots: Insulated and waterproof for cold weather. Continue to bring indoor shoes or sneakers as well.

Some of our Favorite Children's Gear Brands

Columbia
Polarn O Pyrite
Tuffo
Oakiwear
CeLaVi
Kamik
Bog

Outdoor Gear Discount Stores:

-Sierra Trading Post- discounted outdoor gear in Burlington and online
https://www.sierra.com/
-Outdoor Gear Exchange- New and consigned outdoor gear in Burlington
https://www.gearx.com/
-Heather's Nearly New- thrift store in Montpelier on Rt 2
-Lenny's Outlet - discounted outdoor gear in Barre
https://lennyshoe.com/about-us/our-stores/lennys-outlet-store
-Once Upon a Child- reseller of gently used childrens and baby clothes and gear
Williston VT
-Kids Trade and Play- clothing and gear exchange
Meets the 2nd Saturday every month from 9:30-11:30am at the Capital City Grange, Montpelier