

# Emergency Preparation Kits

Please have your student bring the following items to school with them on the first day of school. If you already have an emergency kit prepared for your student, please go through it, and make sure to replace items that are expired, or will expire during the upcoming school year.

**“It’s not a matter of *if* an earthquake will strike our area, it’s a matter of *when!*”** These were the words of a local emergency response worker. In addition, we were told that local fire departments would most likely not be able to respond to any emergency needs due to road damage and blockage. In other words, we would be on our own for twenty-four to seventy-two hours after an earthquake.

Because of that, we need to have emergency supplies on hand that will help us cope with a major earthquake. Our current emergency rations need to be replaced with fresh items. At the conclusion of this school year, these emergency kits will be sent home with students to be updated and returned next fall. Each student needs to bring the following:

1. 2 small bottles of water (sealed)
2. 1 Packaged Juice Drink (Capri Sun, etc.)
3. 1 Space Blanket (can be purchased at any outdoor-type store)
4. 1 Plastic Bag (to be used as a rain poncho; make sure it is large enough for your child(ren))
5. 1 small package of tissue
6. 1 small package of Towelettes
7. Disposable utensils
8. 4 of the following **non-perishable** items:
  - a. Pudding
  - b. Raisins
  - c. Cheese & crackers
  - d. Beef jerky
  - e. Granola bars
  - f. Fruit cup
  - g. Vienna sausage
  - h. Fruit snacks (fruit roll-ups, etc)
  - i. Applesauce
  - j. Small flashlight (optional)

These kits are designed to bring short-term comfort for each student in the event of an earthquake or any other event that would cause a delay in parent pick-up. **Please put these items in a heavy duty 1 gallon Ziploc bag**, clearly marked with your child’s name along with a list of emergency phone numbers including at least one out-of-state number, if possible. Again, please have your child(ren) bring their emergency kit to school.

If your child has special medical needs, please provide extra prescription medication in a prescription-labeled bottle with directions that will be kept in the office for emergency use only.

Thanks!