



S.T.A.R. Binders

Students Taking Academic Responsibilities

Being organized is one of the cornerstones for having a successful year. *STAR* binders are a way to help everyone stay organized- you, your parents, and me. The *STAR* binder puts the most commonly used things in one place so you are not searching your desk for them. They are right at your finger tips! I have been using *STAR* binders with my students for over a decade with positive results every year with every student and their families.

Your *STAR* binder will go home every night and come back to school everyday. This is the most important thing to remember!!

Your *STAR* binder will include the following sections:

- ✚ Your Planner: a place to write down daily assignments and homework
- ✚ Communications: a pocket that will contain any notes, weekly newsletters or other important information that needs to be taken home and read nightly.
- ✚ Money: (a zippered pencil pouch made for three ring binders): this is a place for lunch money, fieldtrip money, Market Day orders, Scholastic Book Orders, etc...
- ✚ Spelling Lists and Reading Materials
- ✚ Poetry Pocket: to keep weekly poems safe and on hand for fluency practice.
- ✚ School Calendar: and Lunch Menus
- ✚ Homework Folder: one side for papers that are going home; the other side for papers that are done and need to be returned.
- ✚ A Take It home- Keep It home folder: graded papers or things that can come home and stay home.
... and lots of useful resources that you will have at the tip of your fingers! These are added throughout the year.



STAR Binder Rules:

1. Bring it to school everyday with your completed homework, notes, planner (signed), etc...
2. Take it home every night and share the contents with your parents.
3. Take **EXCELLENT** care of your binder as it has to last you **ALL YEAR!**



For your  **STAR Binder**, you will need to purchase:

- A 1 1/2 " White three-ring binder with a clear pocket on the front.
- A **three hole** punched poly-vinyl or heavy cardboard two pocket folder (similar to the paper folders, *but meant to be put in a three ring binder*)
- A plastic zippered pencil pouch that can be put in your binder

I will provide the cover and back pages, the labels, plastic page protectors and everything else we need for our binders. Make sure to bring your supplies the first day of school as we will be assembling our binders.

I will have a completed binder on display at our Open House for you to look at. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me-

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Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Hall

