Supply & Materials Checklist

First Grade Homeschool

SCHOOL YEAR

BUDGET

CORE SUPPLIES BY CATEGORY

WRITING & DRAWING

- [ ] Pencils (#2, sharpened)
- [ ] Erasers
- [ ] Crayons (24-pack)
- [ ] Colored pencils
- [ ] Markers (washable)
- [ ] Glue sticks
- [ ] Safety scissors
- [ ] Ruler (inches & cm)

PAPER & NOTEBOOKS

- [ ] Primary writing paper (wide-ruled with dotted midline)
- [ ] Blank white paper
- [ ] Construction paper (assorted)
- [ ] Lined journals / composition books
- [ ] Graph paper (1-inch squares)
- [ ] Sticky notes

MATH MANIPULATIVES

- [ ] Rekenrek (20-bead)
- [ ] Base-ten blocks (units & rods)
- [ ] Ten frames (printable or plastic)
- [ ] Number line (0–120)
- [ ] Counting cubes / Unifix cubes
- [ ] Pattern blocks
- [ ] Dice (dot & numeral)
- [ ] Playing cards (for math games)

SCIENCE & EXPLORATION

- [ ] Magnifying glass
- [ ] Measuring cups & spoons
- [ ] Ruler / tape measure
- [ ] Nature journal or notebook
- [ ] Simple thermometer
- [ ] Magnets (bar & ring)

ORGANIZATION & DISPLAY

- [ ] Folders or binders (by subject)
- [ ] Sheet protectors / dry-erase pockets
- [ ] Whiteboard & dry-erase markers
- [ ] Calendar / planner
- [ ] Storage bins or baskets
- [ ] Clipboard

ART & SPECIALS

- [ ] Watercolor paint set
- [ ] Paint brushes (assorted sizes)
- [ ] Modeling clay or playdough
- [ ] Craft sticks / pipe cleaners
- [ ] Music instrument (recorder or shaker)
- [ ] Jump rope / ball (for PE)

QUARTERLY MATERIALS — PLAN AHEAD

Write in unit-specific materials, books, or supplies needed each quarter.

Q1 — WEEKS 1–9

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Q2 — WEEKS 10–18

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Q3 — WEEKS 19–27

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Q4 — WEEKS 28–36

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BUDGET-FRIENDLY TIPS

- Use dried beans or pasta for counting manipulatives
- Repurpose egg cartons as sorting trays
- Dollar store finds: rulers, magnifying glasses, dice
- DIY Rekenrek with a shoebox and beads
- Print ten frames and number lines from free resources
- Use a muffin tin for small manipulative storage
- Library card = free books, audiobooks, and DVDs
- Free whiteboard alternative: paper in sheet protectors

SHOPPING NOTES & LINKS

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