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Parents/Guardians,

Each school year we send out a list of school supplies that your student will need for that school year. You will find that list included in this packet and on the Graham school webpage. You will see that the list may look a little bit different this year than it has in the past and I wanted to explain why.

All classrooms at Graham are now AVID classrooms. AVID stands for **Advancement Via Individual Determination**. This program focuses on building student's organization and study skills, increasing their ability to collaborate with others, and learning more by digging deeper into material. We found that this program has been very successful and our students are doing great things.

Because of this success we are implementing this program for all grade levels this school year. One need of this program is a consistent organizational system for students. For instance, we are requiring each student in grades 3-5 to have a 2" binder. This along with other items can be very expensive if they are purchased from store, A binder at Walmart can cost up to \$5. So, we have purchased these certain items in bulk at a much cheaper price. We are passing on that savings to you and selling you those items at cost. At the beginning of next year, please bring in money for these items and your student will be provided these items.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. 525-3220

Sincerely,

Steven J. Miller
Principal