



Drive-2-Thrive Backpacks

Wouldn't it be terrific if every one of our Starfish preschoolers has a back-to-school backpack all their own? That's what our fall Drive-2-Thrive is all about! Let's fill each backpack with 6 essential school items plus 1 "bonus" item. All items have been kid-tested and teacher approved!

Backpack goal: 619 (for 619 children ages 3 to 5)

Timing: Now through August 29, 2018

Number of preschool program locations: 10



ESSENTIAL ITEMS:

Child-size Backpacks*

Crayons (Standard Size, 24-pack)

Markers (Chunky Size, 10-pack)

Helps develop hand control and color identification, inspires sharing and creativity.

Safety Scissors (Plastic, 3-count pack)

Helps with learning fine-motor skills.

Multicolored Construction Paper (8.5" x 11")

Plastic Pencil Boxes*

Promotes pride in personal ownership.

Glue Sticks (Washable, Nontoxic)

BONUS ITEM:

Play-Doh (scented or unscented)

Strengthens muscle tone in little hands and encourages imaginative play.

Starfish Preschools:

Western Wayne County:

- Hiveley Center (Inkster)
- Westwood (Inkster)
- Crestwood (Redford)
- Plymouth/Canton
- Livonia

Detroit:

- Cecil Street
- Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Covenant House
- Voyageur
- Fort Street

Consider 'adopting' a classroom during the drive or all year long!

(* = Colorful, but no characters: Paw Patrol, Moana, Frozen, etc.)

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