

February 11, 2022

Dear Parents,

It is sign up time! We have gotten some donations for the various garden projects and are ready to get started!

Our first project will be creating brick books. I have a starter supply of bricks at the moment to get us going. You can go very basic, or spill your creative juices! I've included some pictures below and some "how to" links for some ideas. It is very easy, really. Simply paint the two covers and the binding in one color. Then color the other three sides white/cream/beige and draw little darker lines over it to look like the pages of the book. For the title and detailing, you can go with a simple symbol/lines/designs. You can write titles (using letter stencils, or free hand) done with paint brush, or paint pens. If you want to go full out, you can paint a picture to match your book. Choose an old classic, your favorite picture or chapter book, a dictionary, an atlas, etc. The choices are limitless, as long as it is elementary school age appropriate. :)

The main requirement is that you use outdoor acrylic paint so that it doesn't peel off easily in the elements. I have a few samples of paint in the links below, if you wanted to order your own online. They are not ordered in bulk at Michaels and other craft stores like regular acrylic paint is. So, the HSA has preordered a number of sets to hand out as needed. With the coupon, they come to \$10.00 for an 8 pack of basic colors. We would like all students who want to, to be able to participate. If price is an issue, please state below. We don't want cost to be a limiting factor. If you could donate \$10 for the paint pack, we would appreciate it. We will send home a brick and a paint pack for every child/family who would like to help us bring creative pops of color to our school grounds. You can do a brick per family, or for each student in your family. Your choice! One paint set is good for multiple books! (Bricks are free!)

Each brick weighs 4lbs. They are able to go home in your child's backpack without adding too much weight. If you would prefer to pick it up at school, we will also leave a date and time for pick up.



Our second at home project is our student fence pieces. These are more detailed, but again your creativity can go however far you want it to! The great thing is that we can use the same paint for the fence piece, as you can for the bricks! We need to wait a few weeks to start this project as the boards need to get cut down into smaller pieces and primed before we can paint on them. We need some warm days!!

The fence pieces will need to be picked up at school, as they are not safely transported by children. We will notify you when they are ready. This can be a one per family project, or each child in your family can represent themselves. Former HES kids are welcome too!



Each project can have as little, or as much parental involvement as you would like. Our hope is that this can be a family service project to show our children how we can do little things to give back to our community. As parents, we may not all be able to be in the buildings and able to attend functions at this time, but we can come together to make a big difference in our school.

I'm so excited to see the finished product and hope that as many of you as possible will participate! You can do one project, both, or none. Your choice!

Paint

<https://www.michaels.com/outdoor-acrylic-paint-set-value-pack-by-craft-smart/10622818.html>

[https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B09575L644/ref=ox\\_sc\\_act\\_title\\_5?smid=A1XVZAIJ5H3AU8&th=1](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B09575L644/ref=ox_sc_act_title_5?smid=A1XVZAIJ5H3AU8&th=1)

(The Amazon pack has 24 colors to choose from, if you wanted to order on your own! We will be ordering the pack from Michael's for \$10 each.)

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Brick Books How to:

[How To Make A Brick Book](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXzTZo82gB4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K9ldb8Kmw8M>

(All links will be on HES HSA website for direct links)

Sincerely,

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# HSA Project Sign Up

(One paper per family)

(Due back February 18, so that we can order accordingly.)

Brick Book Project:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to create a brick book.

\_\_\_\_\_ (How many?)

Student Fence Piece:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I want to create a student fence piece

\_\_\_\_\_ (How many?)

Paint:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I need paint.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I will be ordering my own outdoor acrylic paint.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I have included \$10.

Student's Name(s)

Teacher

Grade

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Parent name and email \_\_\_\_\_