



Garden Grove IMPACT Academy

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

I cannot stress the importance of this request.

We are asking parents to support us in putting together an emergency "comfort" package for their child(ren). The purpose of the **Comfort Kit** is to help sustain your child in the event that they have to spend an extended time at the school during an emergency situation. The kit will contain some emergency information, a small amount of food, a few "comforts" and a letter of comfort from you to your child. At present, most schools have similar programs.

Please create a "comfort" kit for your child. Complete an Emergency Label for your child, select and place a sampling of some of the items listed below **IN THE ONE LARGE ZIP LOCK FREEZER BAG PER CHILD (approx. 28 x 28 cm)**. Please return the *comfort kit* to the school by **Wednesday, August 31, 2016**. Before sending the kit(s) to school, please try to squeeze out as much air as possible for storage purposes. Due to the limited storage space, do not include extra food.

Garden Grove has water, some emergency food, and evacuation tools in each classroom. The large school bus bin has been stocked by the PTA and we are adding more emergency equipment each year. Throughout the year, the school holds Emergency Preparedness Drills including Fire Drills and Lockdown Drills. As part of the drills, teachers discuss emergencies and procedures. Safety of the children is the classroom teacher's first priority.

COMFORT/SURVIVAL KIT SUPPLIES

Identification: A small photo of your child (if possible) along with the completed 3X5 card.

Food: Choose one or two items from the suggested items, which are best suited to your child and are *nut-free*: granola bars, beef jerky, fruit snacks/roll-ups, and/or rice Krispy squares

Water: Small bottled water

Shelter: One green garbage bag to make a raincoat or a hooded plastic poncho (e.g. from a dollar store).

Basic Physical Comforts: kleenex, wet wipes, bandaids

Amusement and Emotional Comforts: Choose one or two appropriate for your child: family photo, deck of cards, paper and pencil, pocket games.

Note of Comfort: A simple note from you on one side of a 3X5 card and on the other side print the **Student's Name/ Teacher/ and any special medical information**.

Thank you for your cooperation as we prepare.
Mrs. Feinstein, Principal