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NEEDED 1000 BOOKBAGS

+ Miscellaneous School Supplies by Sept. 25th

Hancock County, Mississippi School District had six schools and about 4200 students before the hurricane hit. Two of the schools have been completely destroyed, the others are damaged. The children of the two destroyed schools are 90-95% homeless, the others are about 50% homeless. Most have no belongings at all, many do not have proper shelter. The school district has a goal to return as many children as possible to the classroom by Sept. 30th. Portable classrooms are on the way. Being in school will provide shelter for several hours, two meals a day and some degree of normalcy to the childrens' lives. The Director of Curriculum and Assessment, Ms. Kim Saucier, has requested 1000 bookbags plus miscellaneous school supplies to be delivered in time for the first day of school. When they arrive that day, the children will go "shopping" for their brand new book bag. These will be distributed to all grade levels, K-12. If we exceed the goal, the surplus will be given to a neighboring school district similarly affected. If you can't purchase the bookbags or supplies, a donation is welcome.

Bookbags

They do not have to be clear or mesh, any size or color is fine.
Cartoon characters are okay as long as they are appropriate for children.

School Supplies

They did not specify the supplies but here are some suggestions:

- Pocket Folders with Prongs
- Boxes of 24 Crayons
- Markers, Washable for the Little Children
- School Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Small Pencil Boxes
- #2 Pencils
- Composition Style Notebooks
- 70 Page Spiral Notebooks
- Rulers
- Glue
- Yellow Highlighters
- Ink Pens
- Automatic Pencils
- Notebook Binders
- Notebook Filler Paper

Storybooks

The libraries in the two destroyed schools were lost as well, storybooks and other books would be appreciated.