

2018 Likes and Dislikes

Girl Clothes

Outside of pink and purple, favorite color for girls was blue (light and bright blue not navy) then red, black (mixed with other bright colors), yellow, green and orange. There were several requests for teal and black/white combinations. **Many responses regarding no brown yarn!** Anything sparkly, Disney and female action figures were the best!

Dresses Girls sizes 6-12 love dresses! Sizes 10-16 wanted tops and skirts. We need a better mix of skirt styles. We had too many "Juereta" skirts (different colored waist and hem band) with many left over, so we will need to limit how many we have. Only having 3 different colors/panels in the panel skirts seem to work out very well. We had several comments regarding wanting solid colored, plain skirts, especially denim skirts in the larger sizes. Make sure t-shirt dresses have a drop waist when attached to the fabric.

Fabric-Please come to our Open House to select the fabric we have purchased. DO NOT use your stash unless it is the same styles as we have purchased. Please no calico! We had comments that our fabric/styles need to be trendier.

T-shirts-larger sizes were need and will be ordered next year along with larger sized leggings, if we can find them at a good price. Smaller sizes (small and medium) liked the 'glammed up' t-shirts with larger sizes (large and x-large) liked the plain t-shirts.

Girl Accessories

Scarves we feel scarves have run its course and we will no longer have them. Please donate any you have to your local shelters. We will be substituting with key chains so the girls can customize their backpacks.

Hats brighter colors!! Please watch the flaring out of the bottom edge, make your edge tighter or create a ruffle as those stayed on the table. **NO SOLID COLORS and thin yarn hats!** They loved the pom-poms!

Jewelry-wooden beads, button and string bracelets and necklaces were not popular. They like bling with glitter. Small silver beads between beads made the jewelry look more elegant!

Purses-Large purses were not popular. Girls did not like fabric purses with yarn or ribbon handles.

Fabric purses should have fabric handles and yarn purses have yarn handles. Also make sure your purses have a shoulder/cross body strap, suggested length 30-36-inches as they can always put a knot in the handles if too long. Short handle and clutch purses were not popular. Yo-yos were not popular on anything!

Hair accessories-yarn wrapped (bright colors) head bands with flowers/jewels (no pencil erasers on the end) and daisy flower clips were the best! **Crochet and knitted head bands were not popular so please use your valuable time to make what they like.** The smaller lei style flowers were not selected so please use the large daisy style flowers available the dollar stores.

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Boys

Boys wanted brighter yarn colors. Their favorite was blue (not navy), with red, black (mixed with bright colors) teal, orange, green and yellow. **Again NO brown!**

Dress shirts-these are always popular and as usual we ran out! We put several on the racks each day so we would have a small amount available for Thursday, but they went very quickly. Larger sizes were requested 12-16. The bright prints such as sports, action figures, animal prints, cars and food prints were popular.

T-Shirts- Schools did not register students by size and I didn't guess very well and we ran out of X-Large and adult sizes very quickly. They also liked a variety of colors to pick from and requested blue, red, green and teal.

Pillowcases-sports (especially soccer), minions, action figures and food were popular.

Wallets-money is always popular along with all sports.

Key Chains-all sport themes (sport beads added) were popular especially the soccer ones.

Hats-bright colors! Several comments regarding ugly brown hats! **NO SOLID COLORS and thin yarn hats!** They loved the pom-poms! Please make sure the bottom edge of the hat stretches.

Book marks

Moving the bookmarks with the books was a great idea! The ADK volunteers were able to show the kids how to use a bookmark (yes that was necessary) and they said snakes and squiggly worms (even for the girls) and laminated bookmarks were very popular. Ribbon, stick and felt bookmarks were not popular, please make ones the kids like. The kids were able to select 3 books each and the books were all new, all sizes and topics. They were very excited to have 3 new books!

We always have the few that want the odd items, but our goal is to have the right items for the majority of the 5,000 kids. It is pretty much impossible to find that odd item for that child. We had 283 boxes of accessories and 35 wardrobes of clothes for a total of 40,430 items. We will not find that particular item! Please your valuable time to create items within our guidelines.