For Summer 2015 GCM RB

Beginning Watercolor Supply List

PAINTS
We recommend you buy artist grade paints (not 'student' or 'academic') in 15 or 37 ml tubes. Artist colors have more pigment and better quality. Make sure to buy transparent watercolor paint, not gouache. We suggest Winsor & Newton paints, although other brands may be chosen if you prefer. This is a basic palette of 5 colors used in class (see picture resource on page 2):

- Opera Rose
- New Gamboge
- French Ultramarine
- Pthalo Blue or Winsor Blue (Green Shade)
- Burnt Sienna

BRUSHES You can paint using only three brushes, but these must be watercolor brushes. Sable is best, golden taklon also works well and costs less. Don't buy brushes that are too small. We recommend these basic brushes (see picture resource on page 2):

1- or 2-inch flat wash brush
#12 round brush; pick one that feels comfortable in your hand
#1 or #2 rigger brush for details

PAPER Most watercolor painters find that a good quality 140 lb cold press finish watercolor paper meets most needs. You can get this in a convenient tablet that will help organize your work:

- Strathmore 400 Series Watercolor Pad 9 in. x 12 in. spiral pad

ADDITIONAL TOOLS
Some basic tools to get you started:

- Watercolor palette for mixing colors: white butchers tray (think 'Wegmans') or several small, white dishes, or a closeable artists palette (consult with teacher before buying)
- 2H sketching pencil
- Kneaded rubber eraser
- Artist or drafting tape, 1/2 inch wide
- Plastic water containers (2). Not glass! Cottage cheese or yogurt containers are excellent.
- Four "binder"-style clips. Helps to hold paper flat
- Roll of paper towels. 'Viva' brand is good because doesn't have pattern or texture.
- 5x7 inch sponge

A suggestion about finding supplies:
It is much easier to find the supplies you need at a good price if you go to a dedicated art supply store such as Rochester Art Supply on Main Street in Rochester or the Art Store in Southtown Plaza, Henrietta. Unlike the big box or craft supply stores, they will be able to give expert assistance. Be sure to ask if they offer student discounts! In addition there are excellent discount stores on line, such as Dick Blick, Cheap Joes, or Jerrysartarama.com.
Picture resources

Watercolor colors suggested clockwise from top left:
Opera Rose tube with sample, New Gamboge tube with sample, Ultramarine blue tube with sample, Pthalo blue tube sample, Burnt Sienna tube and sample