Watercolor Materials

WC supplies to start with would **be paper, brush, paints & palette**

- **Paper** - Strathmore student grade pad, about 16x20 or larger
-or very good paper would be a block of d'Arches cold press (rough surface) or medium. No smaller than 12x16.

-**Brush** - One synthetic 'round' brush (the cross section is round) with a good point & 'bounce' (not flabby) and a nice point. Or similar; so it's footprint is not smaller than your index finger. Suggested brands & sizes: **Loew Cornell** #8 or 10, Langnickel 4000 Snowhite #8 & #4. Princeton Brush Co., #12 is also good. It is a very versatile brush, the 'belly' allows it to hold a lot of paint & pigment and the sharp point allows for detail work.   The student can try out other brushes once they have gained experience with this 'round'.

- **Paints** - Yarka 12-color kids set - (the pigment is artist's grade) or
Yarka St. Petersburg professional set (24 cakes).
 Lately we highly recommend this set by Kuretake:

This item: Kuretake MC2036V Gansai Tambi 36 Color Set (also a 24 Color Set)

- **Palette** – Find one or 2 large white plastic dinner plates. Larger palettes allow more freedom for mixing colors don't get the small palettes-

Other Items
- 2 plastic containers for water (for example yogurt containers etc)
- a small sponge
- a good misting spray bottle, with adjustable nozzle, available at dollar stores
- cotton rags (for example an old t-shirt)
- paper towels
- wc palette. If you don't want to buy one yet, one or two white plastic plates
are enough in the beginning.
- sketch pad (for thumbnail sketches and testing color mixes)
- pencil & eraser
- masking tape,the blue, less adhesive type

- Art material might be purchased from local art supply stores or arts&crafts stores.
Also online (**Cheap Joes's, Jerry's Artarama, ASW and Dick Blick** have online stores and frequent discounts) and/or from art supply catalogues.
N.B. !! Student grade or cheap brands are <u>not</u> recommended - the colors often are thinned out and lack intensity.