REMINDER FOR REHEARSERS:

Q:Should you bring in props for the in-class rehearsals?

A: The answer is that you absolutely MUST bring in props for the actors for your rehearsals. You should do everything in your power to help the actors avoid "acting." Make it as realistic as possible for them. Don't allow them to mime.

If your scene calls for characters drinking, then bring in the type of glass they'd be using and FILL IT UP so they're actually drinking. If they're reading, bring in the exact type of book they'd be reading. Etc.

Likewise, they should be in costume. Not necessarily what they'll be wearing when you shoot, but appropriate to the scene.