

Welcome To First Grade

Dear Parents and Students,

We thought you might enjoy knowing what we will be learning this year. In religion, we will learn more about our relationship with God, Jesus, and Mary; the Saints, Baptism, Advent, Lent, the Holy Spirit, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, Christmas, Easter, Holy Week, and unconditional love.

In language arts, we will learn to read, how to write good sentences, capitalization, punctuation, nouns, verbs, adjectives, pronouns, contractions, synonyms, antonyms, subjects, and predicates.

In math, we will work with addition and subtraction, graphs, money, place value, time, measurement, geometry, fractions and two digit numbers.

In social studies, we will explore citizenship, home, school, community, neighborhoods, laws, jobs, needs, wants, money, farming, our Earth, our resources, endangered animals, Johnny Appleseed, holidays, Native Americans, symbols, markets and inventions.

In science, we will explore living and nonliving things, habitats, how plants and animals live, life cycles, food chains, weather, land, water, air, observe matter, movement and sound, energy and utilize our science lab.

By the time school begins, students should:

- recognize the words listed on the *Word List for First Grade* by sight.
- be able to recognize both upper and lowercase letters and know their sounds.
- be able to recognize and write numbers 1 – 50, and recognize number words one through ten
- be able to print **full** first and last names
- be able to recite home address, birthday, parent's names and home phone number
- be able to recognize the days of the week and months of the year
- be able to recognize basic colors and color words
- know how to button, zip, buckle and tie shoes – even if you wear Velcro shoes.

Over the summer break, all incoming first grade students are required to read a minimum of two books of their choice.

During the first week of school, students should bring, each day, a peanut free snack and a drink (no bottles or cans, please). Enjoy the rest of your summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Your First Grade Teachers

Here is a list of the supplies you will need for first grade:

- ❖ BlueJay folder*
- ❖ Writing Tablets*
- ❖ Pencil Case*
- ❖ Assignment Pad*
- ❖ Crayons- 1 box 24, no larger
- ❖ Glue sticks- 4 pack
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Eraser
- ❖ 1 Small Book Sox (keep at home until further notice)
- ❖ 1 Jumbo Book Sox (keep at home until further notice)
- ❖ 3 Folders with pockets
- ❖ 6 Sharpened #2 pencils, with erasers
- ❖ Clear contact paper (for use at home)
- ❖ Headphones for Technology class

*Items marked with an asterisk are to be purchased from St. Dominic School. You will receive a notice regarding the fee for these items in September.

Parents,

Your child is expected to know the following list as “sight words.” Within a few weeks of school, your child will be tested on these words for mastery. Placing words on index cards is a great way for them to practice. Your child is not expected to know how to spell these words but rather to recognize them by sight

First Grade Word List

a the it is I

can see go to we

at look am are in

for they on you all

and like he said no

she big not will come

me up down was my

play yes be find make

help where little away funny

jump run here this that

with do have what red

out there but get ten

too so now who two

our ate blue