

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:

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| € Blue Jay Folder* | € Scissors | |
| € Writing Tablets* | € Eraser | € 6 Sharpened #2 Pencils |
| € Pencil Case* | € 1 Small Book Sox | w/Erasers |
| € Crayons- 1 box 24, no larger please | € 1 Jumbo Book Sox | € Clear Contact Paper(for use at home) |
| € Glue Sticks 4 pack | € Please keep Book Sox's home until further notice | |
| | € 3 Folders with pockets | |

*Items marked with an asterisk are purchased through the school. You will receive a notice regarding the fee for these items in the fall.

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. In addition, he/she should not be sounding them out, but rather recognize them quickly 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		