

June, 2017

Dear Families,

As an invested partner in your child's education you should be very proud of all your son or daughter has learned this year in Kindergarten. As concerned parents you need to be aware that unless exercised, much of what your child has learned will be forgotten over the summer vacation. Here are some simple ideas to keep active learning a part of your summer routine.

READING

- ★ VISIT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY OFTEN
- ★ READ TO YOUR CHILD EVERY DAY
- ★ TALK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT THE STORIES YOU READ TOGETHER
- ★ MAKE READING A FUN, RELAXING PART OF YOUR ROUTINE

Educational research stresses the importance of reading regularly with children. *Studies show that children who have the benefit of parents who read to them regularly learn to read proficiently and at a rate quicker than their peers who are not read to at home.*

SUMMER READING

- ❖ Use the suggested first grade author list provided
- ❖ Write the title of the books you read on the lines
- ❖ Read at least two alphabet books
- ❖ Read at least two Nursery Rhyme books
- ❖ Help your child identify the beginning sounds of pictures
- ❖ Help your child find rhyming words in stories
- ❖ Challenge your child to find high frequency words when reading
 - ✓ Your child is required to draw a picture from one book
 - ✓ This paper should be white, 8^{1/2} X 11
 - ✓ The picture should include the main character, setting and details from the story
 - ✓ This picture is DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

MATH

- * Count, add and subtract real objects
- * Cook and bake with your child using measuring cups
- * Play card games to help your child identify numbers, make sets, add and subtract


Have a Safe Summer,
Mrs. Robillard

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My name is _____

Blessed Sacrament Summer Reading List for New First Graders

1. **Read a MINIMUM of 25 picture books** to your child during the summer.
2. Write the titles on this paper. This is a SUGGESTED list of popular authors appropriate for your child's age.
3. Have your child draw 1 picture of his or her favorite book on an 8½ by 11 standard size paper. Encourage your son or daughter to include lots of details in the picture, get creative coloring, decorating and to take pride in this project.
4. **THIS LIST AND THE DRAWING ARE DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.**

Alphabet books, (Any, these are a great choice!)
Brett, Jan
De Paola, Tomie
Ehlert, Lois
Falconer, Ian
Fleming, Denise
Fox, Mem
Greenfield, Eloise
Henks, Kevin
Hutchins, Pat
Johnson, Angela
Keats, Ezra Jack
Kirk, David
Lobel, Arnold
Martin, Bill Jr.
Mayer, Mercer
Mc Phail, David
Numeroff, Laura
Nursery Rhymes, (Any collection)
Rylant, Cynthia
Rockwell, Anne
Sendak, Maurice
Shannon, David
Seuss, Dr.
Wood, Audrey
Wells, Rosemary
Yolen, Jane
Make extra copies of this list if needed.
Happy Reading! &  to draw <u>1</u> picture of your favorite book and bring it to school on the first day!

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Dear Families,

Although summer vacation has not even begun yet, I am already preparing for school next year. I believe it is essential for each child to feel like a valued member of our class. For this reason, I will be working on a special project this summer. The finished product will be a book, *The First Grade Stars 2017-2018*, written about the children and featuring two pages per student. This book will be used during the first months of school for reading and writing time and will become a treasured book in our class library. In order for me to write the book I need your help. Fill out the questionnaire below. I also require a recent photograph of your child. **PLEASE SEND THE QUESTIONNAIRE AND PHOTO OF YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL BEFORE KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION. THE SIZE OF THE PHOTO SHOULD BE AT LEAST 4X6, BUT NO LARGER THAN 8X10.**

1. Write your child's full name

First _____ Middle _____

Last _____

2. Write your child's birthday. (month) _____ (day) _____ (year) _____

3. Write the names and ages of any brothers and or sisters.

4. Do you have a pet? Write the name and type of pet or pets.

5. What is your child's favorite book?

6. What is your child's favorite activity?

7. Where is your child's favorite place to go?

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8. What is your child's favorite food?

9. What is your child's favorite TV show?

10. What is your child's favorite color?

11. What types of games does your child like to play inside?

12. What is your child's favorite room in your home?

13. What animal does your child like the most?

14. Does your child have a favorite season?

15. What types of games does your child like to play outside?

Sincerely Yours,

Mrs. Lona E. Robillard

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Dear Families,

For first grade your son or daughter will need the following materials. The children will be keeping these supplies in their desks along with several workbooks. For this reason it is important to follow this list and not buy the largest box of crayons. I will have a pencil box for each of my new students for the first day of school. Here is the list of things for you to get.

- ❖ **BOX OF CRAYONS, 16-24 COUNT**
- ❖ **GLUE STICKS (2)**
- ❖ **2 THIN TWO SIDED FOLDER WITH POCKETS (PLASTIC IS VERY DURABLE)**
- ❖ **A BACK-PACK TO HOLD A LUNCH BOX, FOLDERS AND A SWEATER**
- ❖ **A LUNCH BOX**
- ❖ **EVEN IF YOUR CHILD ORDERS LUNCH, HE OR SHE NEEDS A HEALTHY SNACK EVERY DAY. WE HAVE SNACKTIME IN THE MORNING.**
- ❖ **YOUR CHILD WILL NEED A BOTTLE OF WATER EVERY DAY. WE DO NOT ALLOW JUICE IN THE CLASSROOM.**
- ❖ **EAR BUDS FOR USE IN THE COMPUTER LAB AND WITH iPADS. I WILL KEEP THESE IN A BAGGIE LABELED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.**
- ❖ **1 BOX OF TISSUES AND 1 ROLL OF PAPER TOWEL**

Your child will get another list from the Art Teacher for things they will need for Art Class. These things should be sent into school in a separate box, (no bigger than an adult size shoe box) the first few days of school. Mark this box with your child's name and the words; ART BOX. I like to use every opportunity to have children read and write! You could even make an art project out of this and have your child decorate this new ART BOX during the summer. That would be a fun activity to enjoy!

I am looking forward to working with your child. First grade is truly a special time in your child's life. The children are such eager learners and the amount of learning that takes place in 180 days is astonishing! It will be a pleasure working with you also, and together we will strive to make this the best possible experience for your son or daughter.

God Bless You,

Mrs. Robillard

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