



# Welcome to first grade!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to First Grade for the school year 2023-2024. Your child's teacher will be implementing a balanced literacy program in the first grade. The program is specifically designed to meet the individual needs of each child. Our goal is to create a program that will prove to be the most beneficial and successful for your child, while fostering a love of learning and reading in the process.

Your child will need certain supplies in order to give him/her the best opportunity to learn and grow within this program. We believe the easiest, least expensive and least time consuming way for you to obtain these supplies and ensure your child has the necessities, is to have all supplies already available in the classroom. All the needed supplies will be available to your child on the first day of school. There will be a one-time cost of \$40.00 for these supplies. Please send \$40.00 with your child on the first day of school. Checks can be made out to St. Dominic Academy.

Since all the supplies your child needs will already be in the classroom, the only things your child will need to bring on the first day of school are:

- ✓ A **full-sized** backpack with *no wheels*
- ✓ 2 boxes of tissues
- ✓ 1 set of headphones in a large baggie, with name on it
- ✓ 2 containers of Clorox wipes
- ✓ \$40.00 supply fee

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Sincerely,

The First Grade Team



# Summer Learning

Hello and welcome to first grade!

Students read and learn a lot throughout the school year, however summer months can often slow down progression. In order to combat the “summer slide,” and reduce the amount of time we spend reviewing at the beginning of the year, we can encourage students to read and practice their math skills throughout their break. Below, you will find a list of suggested reading, learning websites, and sight words to help with this practice.

Suggested Reading:	Learning Websites:	Sight Words:		
Little Bear books	ABC Ya! <a href="http://www.abcya.com">www.abcya.com</a>	a	here	play
Diary of a Worm	EPIC Reading <a href="http://www.getepic.com/sign-in">www.getepic.com/sign-in</a>	and	I	red
If I Built a Car	Prodigy Math <a href="http://www.prodigygame.com">www.prodigygame.com</a>	away	in	run
Runaway Bunny	Start With a Book <a href="http://www.startwithabook.org">www.startwithabook.org</a>	big	is	said
Brown Bear, Brown Bear	Storyline Online <a href="http://www.storylineonline.org">www.storylineonline.org</a>	blue	it	the
I Went Walking	Khan Academy <a href="http://www.khanacademy.org">www.khanacademy.org</a>	can	jump	see
Happy Birthday, Danny the Dinosaur	PBS Kids <a href="http://www.pbskids.org">www.pbskids.org</a>	down	little	three
Go, Dog, Go!	Starfall <a href="http://www.starfall.com">www.starfall.com</a>	come	look	to
<b>Suggested Authors:</b>	Splash Learn <a href="http://www.splashlearn.com">www.splashlearn.com</a>	for	make	two
Karen Kaufman Orloff	K12 Reader <a href="http://www.k12reader.com">www.k12reader.com</a>	find	me	up
Laura Numeroff		funny	my	we
Dr. Seuss		go	not	where
Eric Carle		help	one	you