

WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE

Dear Families,

We are happy to welcome your child to First Grade! Listed below are the supplies needed for the **first day** of school. Please make sure that all supplies are “out of their packages” and that **all pencils are sharpened**. ☺ Please label everything – supplies, sweatshirts, lunchboxes, etc.

We request that your child not use a “book bag on wheels.” The ones that are “over the shoulder” are adequate for first grade.

Your child will need a snack for morning recess. Kindly keep in mind that there will not be any pretzels sold during the first few days of school.

1. 4 sturdy 2 pocket folders
2. two pairs of scissors
3. six large glue sticks (the small ones run out too easily)
4. one box (12) of colored pencils – *please “wrap” them in a rubber band
5. one box (24) of crayons – *please put them in a Hefty “one zip” bag (quart size)
6. one box (10) of thin markers – *please “wrap” them in a rubber band
7. a 12 inch ruler with inch & centimeter markings
8. six sharpened pencils in a pencil case
9. a box of tissues
10. a box of “baby wipes”
11. a box of Clorox wipes
12. a roll of paper towels
13. a picture of your child to be displayed in the classroom throughout the year
14. boys – 1 box gallon size Ziploc bags, girls - 1 box quart size Ziploc bags

Supply boxes, copybooks and folders will be distributed to each child on the first day of school.

(These were all paid for in the supply fee.) Our goal is to encourage each student to be prepared and organized. *It is our experience that having supplies “wrapped” and/or in a small bag helps the children locate their supplies in an easy manner. ☺ Please do not send supplies in larger amounts than requested (i.e. - larger boxes of crayons) or supplies not on the list above - they will not fit in their supply boxes.

It is extremely important that your child be prepared for school each day! On the first day of school, your child must provide a note stating how he/she will normally go home throughout the year. For example, Radnor – Bus # ____, Walkers, Car Riders, etc. During the school year, if your child is going home a different way, a note must be given to the teacher.

May you all have a safe and restful summer. God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jayda Orsatti
Miss Katherine Panaro
Mrs. Melissa Thornton

First Grade Summer Reading

Studies show that there is a direct connection between the amount of reading children do and the success they experience in school and beyond. First grade students are asked to read as many books as possible and to select one book to report on. There is not a specific, required book to read. We have included a list of suggestions. You do not need to choose from this list. Please include books that you can read on your OWN, as well as books that are read TO you. Your new first grade teacher will be asking you about the books you enjoyed this summer.

Parents, when you go to the library, ask the librarian to point out the *First Start Readers*, or *Step into Reading Books* at a level appropriate for your child to read on his or her OWN (or with a little help from you.) These are books that have one or two words or a short sentence with detailed pictures clues. Browse this section with your child and make your selection together. They usually have an identifying mark or are all in one section. Any selection that you and your child make based on his/her ability would apply to summer reading.

Libraries have sections of picture storybooks often called "Award Winners" or "Reading Rainbow" which is also another good way to select excellent storybooks. Many of these will be options for you to read TO your child. As you read to your child, pause throughout the story to actively engage their participation. "Why do you think he did that?" and other comprehension questions encourage good listening skills.

For your report, please be creative! You may use any method you would like, but there are a few guidelines: the report must fit in your school bag and identify the characters and the main idea of the story. Props, etc. are encouraged. The reports will be displayed outside of our classrooms, so please do not send in anything of special value. Keep it in a special place so you will have it to bring to school with you on the first day of school in September.

Additionally, please be sure to practice the attached lists of sight words throughout the summer.

Have fun reading this summer. We look forward to seeing your reports!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Orsatti
Miss Panaro
Mrs. Thornton

1ST GRADE SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS

(GREENFIELD) The Friendly Four
(PALATINI) Sweet Tooth
(GREY) Traction Man Meets Turbo Dog
(PARRISH) "Amelia Bedelia" series
(GUEST) "Iris and Walter" series
(PLOURDE) School Picture Day
(HARRIS) Mail Harry to the Moon
(REY) "Curious George" Series
(HEST) You Can Do It Sam
(RIES) Aggie and Ben: Three Stories with you!
(HILLS) Duck and Goose
(ROOT) Looking for a Moose
(HIMMELMAN) Katie Loves the Kittens
(ROSENTHAL) Duck Rabbit
(HOBAN) "Francis" series
(RYLANT) "Henry & Mudge" series
(ADLER) "Bone" series
(HOBBIE) Toot and Puddle
(RYLANT) "Mr. Putter & Tabby" series
(ARNOLD) Super Fly Guy!
(HOPKINS) Goldie Socks and the Three Libearians
(RYLANT) "Puppy Mudge" series
(ASHER) Too Many Frogs
(HUTCHINS) A Second is a Hiccup: a Child's Book of Time
(SAYRE) One is a Snail, Ten is a Crab
(ASTON) An Egg is Quiet
(JENKINS) I See A Kookaburra
(SCHACHNER) "Skippy Jon Jones" series
(BAGERT) Shout! Little Poems that Roar
(JOHNSTON) "Alien & Possum" series
(SCHERTLE) Little Blue Truck
(BAKER) On the Go With Mr. and Mrs. Green
(KELLEY) Twelve Terrible Things
(SHANNON) Good Boy Fergus
(BEAUMONT) Move Over, Rover!
(KETTEMAN) Three Little Gators
(SHARMAT) "Nate the Great" series
(BEST) Sally Jean, the Bicycle Queen
(KIRK) The Library Mouse (SLATER) Baby Shoes
(CARLE) any Eric Carle book
(KROSOCZKA) Punk Farm
(SMEE) Clip-Clop!
(CATALANOTTO) Ivan the Terrier
(LEEDY) Missing Math: A Number Mystery
(STANLEY) Goldie and the Three Bears
(CAZET) "Minnie and Moo" series
(LESTER) "Tacky, the Penguin" series
(STEINBERG) Thesaurus Rex

(CHACONAS) Cork and Fuzz stories
(LESTER) Hooray for Wodney Wat
(STEVENS) Help Me, Mr. Mutt! Expert
(CLARKE) Gilbert the Great
(LICHTENHELD) What's With This Room
(STEVENS) Epposumondus stories
(COREY) "First Graders from Mars" series
(LOBEL) "Frog & Toad" books
(STREN) Hug Me
(CRONIN) "Diary of a" series
(LONDON) "Froggy" series
(TEAGUE) LaRue for Mayor
(CRUMMEL) All in One Hour
(LONG) How I Became a Pirate
(THOMAS) Rhyming Dust Bunnies
(CURTIS) Big Words for Little People
(LOVELL) Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon
(VAN PATTEN) Farley Found It
(DIPUCCHIO) Grace for President
(MARSHALL) "George & Martha" series
(WADDELL) It's Quacking Time
(ELLIOTT) Hunter's Best Friend at School
(MARTIN) Chicka Chicka 1,2,3
(WILCOX) Waking Beauty
(ELYA) Cowboy Jose
(MEDDAUGH) Martha Speaks
(WILLEMS) I Will Surprise My Friend
(FRASER) "I.Q." series
(MCDONALD) When the Library Lights...
(WILLEMS) The Pigeon wants a Puppy
(FRASER) Where Do Chicks Come From?
(MCGEORGE) Boomer Goes to School
(WILLIAMS) Albert's Impossible Toothache
(FREEMAN) "Corduroy" chapter books
(MCMULLAN) I'm Bad
(WILSON) Sakes Alive a Cattle Drive
(FUGE) Swim Little Wombat Swim
(MORA) Yum! Mmmm! Que Rico!.....
(WISEMAN) "Morris & Boris" series
(GEISERT) Lights Out
(MUNSCH) Stephanie's Ponytail
(WOLFF) It Is The Wind
(GORBACHEV) Christopher Counting
(O'CONNOR) "Fancy Nancy" series
(YOLEN) Count Me a Rhyme: Animal Poems
(GRAHAM) How to Heal a Broken Wing
(O'NEILL) The Recess Queen
(ZION) Harry the Dirty Dog

1ST GRADE SUMMER WORD PRACTICE

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