



Dear First Grade Families:

I am excited to welcome your child to my class this fall. We have so many wonderful things planned for our class next year. Below you will find a supply list of required items. Please email me with any questions. I have found that most students prefer to color with markers than crayons

As a parent, I always welcomed the opportunity to be more relaxed with academics. While I encourage your child to be active in nature, discovering creatures in tidal pools, riding bikes, going on hikes; I also would recommend having a set time for daily reading (20 minutes). This includes you reading to them as well as, their own attempts at reading. This can be followed by copying 3 new words they find or drawing a picture that recalls a special event. If they accompany you on errands, ask them to find sight words, labels or point out common products they recognize. Even providing them with a small note book to jot down words that begin with a specific letter. Children love these kinds of challenges! Anything you can think of to keep them aware of print recognition and letter sounds. "How many words can you think of that rhyme with... i.e. CAT?" is a good car game. All of these kinds of activities will help prevent them from the "summer slip" which occurs over vacation.

Above all, I hope you will all enjoy a relaxed time with family and friends and cherish the memories you make with your children. I look forward to working closely with you this fall as we continue the journey of Catholic Education together.

You can always reach me by email over the summer if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Bailey

Supply List – all of our supplies are grouped together and handed out as needed, only folders are individualized

- 1 box Ticonderoga #2 Pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- 1 Multipack of large pink erasers (not pencil toppers)
- 3 small glue sticks
- Pencil box or zippered bag
- 1 pack of washable skinny markers
- 1 pack of washable fat markers
- 1 pack of crayons
- 1 pair of child size scissors
- 2 small or 1 large container of Lysol type wipes
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 yellow file folder w/2 pockets for Spanish
- 1 blue file folder with 2 pockets for homework