

WELCOME TO 1ST GRADE!

with Mrs. Stodart

Welcome to first grade at St. Mary school. Teaching is a passion of mine and I am so excited to work in first grade with you and your child this coming school year! It is going to be a great year full of learning and fun and I look forward to accomplishing a lot with your child.

Below, you will find sets of skills that you can practice with your child to encourage the process of learning during summer vacation.

Reading and Writing Skills

- Recognize and write the letters of the alphabet in uppercase and lowercase forms
- Identify all letter sounds
- Know the relationship between letters and sounds they make
- Understand the concept of letters, words, and sentences
- Recognize and neatly write first and last name
- Know how to read the sight words learned in kindergarten
- Read simple, decodable stories
- Write consonant-vowel-consonants words (such as bat, can, fox)
- Retell a story that has been read aloud
- Write 3 sentences about one topic
- Glue, cut and hold pencil properly

Behavior Skills

- Follow home/classroom/school rules and procedures
- Be respectful to adults, peers and self
- Take turns
- Wait patiently
- Use good manners and kindness
- Stand and walk in line quietly
- Work independently as well as cooperatively

Religion Skills

- Pray daily
- Attend Mass
- Recite prayers
- Look at and discuss sacred art

Math Skills

- Identify and write numbers 0-30
- Count by ones and tens to 100
- Count forward starting with a given number (ex. 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41...)
- Solve addition and subtraction problems up to 10 with drawing and manipulatives
- Identify and create basic patterns
- Compare numbers up to 30 (greater than, less than, and equal to)

Summer Habits

- Read together (child-to-parent and parent-to-child, at least 20 minutes per day)
- Join summer reading programs at local libraries
Pinckney Library- <http://www.pinckneylibrary.org/>
Dexter Library- <https://dexter.lib.mi.us>
- Start a summer journal, write about summer adventures, keep a daily bulleted log, add photos, etc.
- Draw, color, and write captions under drawings
- Play cards and board games
- Practice tying shoes
- Learn daily living skills (vacuum, dust, clean bedroom, help sort laundry, etc.)
- Practice sight words
- Do something special for someone once a week (thank a parent/grandparent, draw a picture for someone, hold the door, say please and thank you in public, etc.)



Summer is a time for children to run, play, swim,,,,,and read! Not only is summer reading fun, but research shows that children who read consistently over the summer experience a smoother transition into first grade. To best prepare your child for the reading goals of first grade, please read to (and with) your child **every** day.

Below is a list of suggested authors and books. This is not exclusive, but rather provides choices for a variety of reading abilities and interests. Help your child choose books they are excited about! Reading chapter books aloud to your child at bedtime is a great habit to develop as well!

Series and Favorite Characters

<i>Frog and Toad</i>	Arnold Lobel
<i>Elephant and Piggie</i>	Mo Williams
<i>Kitty and Dragon</i>	Meika Hashimoto
<i>Cornbread and Poppy</i>	Mathew Cordell
<i>Fox and Chick</i>	Sergio Ruzzier
<i>See the Cat/See the Dog</i>	David LaRochelle
<i>Duck and Cluck</i>	Liz Goulet
<i>Pete the Cat</i>	Eric Litwin
<i>If You Give Mouse Cookie</i>	Laura Numeroff

Classics and Chapter Books

<i>Stewart Little</i>	E.B. White
<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	E.B White
<i>Charlie and Mouse</i>	Laurel Snyder
<i>Owl Diaries</i>	Rebecca Elliott

Sight Words

Suggestions for practice-make flashcards, practice reading and writing a few words per week, search and find throughout books, etc. *the, to, and, I, you, it, in said, for, up, look, is, go, we, little, down, can, see, not, one, my, me, big, come, blue, red, where, jump, away, here, help, make, yellow, two, play, run, find, three, funny, he, was, that, she, on, they, but, at, with, all, there, out, be, have, am, do, did, what, so, get, like, this, will, yes, went, are, now, came, ride, into, good, want, too, pretty, four, saw, well, ran, brown, eat, who, new, must, black, white, soon, our, ate, say, under, please*

General

<i>Pete's a Pizza</i>	William Steig
<i>Pizza with Everything</i>	Kyle Scheele
<i>My Toothbrush is Missing</i>	Jan Thomas
<i>Let's Make a Cake</i>	Vikram Madan
<i>Ways to Make Friends</i>	Jairo Buitrago
<i>The House That Jack Built</i>	George Cruikshank
<i>Franklin Rides a Bike</i>	Paulette Borgeios
<i>In the Tall, Tall Grass</i>	Denise Fleming
<i>The Horse in Harry's Room</i>	Syd Hoff
<i>In a People House</i>	Theo LeSieg
<i>Make Way For Duckling</i>	Robert McClosky
<i>Sheep in a Jeep</i>	Nancy Shaw
<i>The Listening Walk</i>	Paul Showers
<i>Quick as a Cricket</i>	Audrey Wood
<i>Let's Play</i>	Herve Tullet
<i>Press Here</i>	Herve Tullet
<i>Mix It Up</i>	Herve Tullet
<i>Would You Rather...</i>	John Burningham
<i>Duck at the Door</i>	Jackie Urbanovic
<i>Sammie the Seal</i>	Syd Hoff
<i>I Knew You Could</i>	Craig Dorfman
<i>The Library Lights Go Out</i>	Megan MacDonald
<i>My Magical Choices</i>	Becky Cummings
"I Can Rad" Books	Katharine Kenah

Digital Decodables

Reading A-Z (www.learninga-z.com)
Reading Doctor (www.readingdoctor.com)

Digital Magazines

Highlights (Kit and Kaboodle)
National Geographic Kids (<https://kids.kids.nationalgeographic.com>)

Students need to complete the attached reading log and bring it to class on the first day of school. It has room for your child to read AT LEAST 20 books.



SUMMER READING LOG



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