



Summer Reading 2024

The book below is for students leaving Kindergarten and entering First Grade at the end of the summer!

Truman by Jean Reidy

Please read this book over the summer with your child. Your child does not need to be reading this independently. The first grade classes will be doing activities with this book during the month of September.

Have a wonderful summer! We look forward to seeing you in September!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Diane Hughes, 1A

Mrs. Amanda McGowan, 1B

June 2024

Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Congratulations on your child's promotion to first grade! We thought it might be helpful at this time to share with you some information regarding the first grade program at St. Mary Magdalen School.

Basic reading skills are our primary focus, and in September, we will provide you with some specific guidelines to help you enhance your child's reading development. During the summer months, however, the best thing that you can do is read with your child. We want them to realize that reading is an enjoyable, as well as informative, activity. We have included with this letter a list of vocabulary words for you to review with your child this summer. These are basic "sight words" which will launch us into our first grade reading anthology in September. You may find it helpful to print each word from the list on an index card and shuffle the cards to practice frequently. **We will check their knowledge of these words in the beginning of the school year.**

It would also be helpful if you could check to see that your child is able to print her/his full name using upper- and lower-case letters where appropriate. In addition, your child should know the numbers in order from 1 through 50, the days of the week, the months of the year, her/his address and phone number, and should be able to tie their own shoes.

Please send your child to school in September with their supplies from the list attached. Write their name on all of their supplies. Please be sure to also have your child's name on every item of clothing and all their belongings, such as lunch boxes, school bags, water bottles, and gym sweatshirts. A school bag will be needed on the first day of school. Also, send in their completed Simple Solutions Math book.

Your child's books will need to be covered in **clear contact paper**. This makes the books easy to identify by sight until the children can read the titles. This also helps the books stay neat and clean. You may want to purchase a large roll of clear contact paper in August since the stores seem to run short quickly once school begins.

You will also see their Reading List attached for their Summer Reading assignment.

We hope that your summer will be a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable one. We look forward to meeting you and your child this September!

Sincerely,

The First Grade Teachers

Journey's Kindergarten Sight Words

| Unit 1 | Unit 4 | Unit 5 | Unit 6 |
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| I | is | make | do |
| like | of | them | went |
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