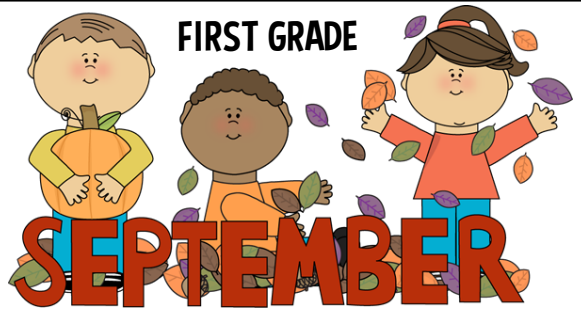


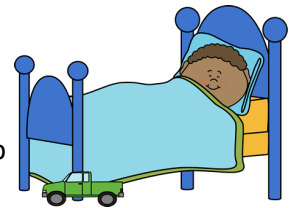
Dear Parents,

Welcome to first grade at Holy Trinity School! I am looking forward to working with you and your child this coming school year. Our working together will help further your child's success. Reading is a main focus in first grade. We spend much of our time each day practicing our reading skills. The most helpful thing you can do at home is to read with your child every day. Good modeling reinforces for your child the importance of reading and will begin to build a



strong academic vocabulary. In addition to my monthly news, please also look for the attached monthly word list. These words are yet another way in which we can build our reading skills and review some of the key terms for the various topics we will discussing in the classroom. These are also the words that the children will begin to read at the door every morning!

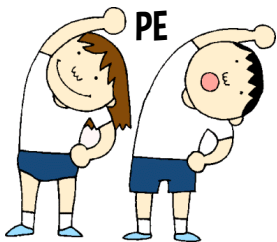
Most first graders need a little time to adjust to school after summer vacation. Some children only need a few weeks, but some might need a few months. Please be consistent on bedtime. Your child will do much better in school if he or she has had a good night's sleep and a good breakfast.



Your student needs to eat a nutritious snack every day. This can consist of a fresh fruit or vegetable, cheese, crackers, yogurt, or a granola bar. Only water is allowed to drink for snack; juice is not allowed. Just as a reminder we are a soda free school!



As a reminder, children need to wear the appropriate uniform daily. This includes mostly black or white athletic shoes. First graders are allowed to wear velcro shoes so long as they are an athletic shoe. Boys need to wear a belt with their shorts or pants. Girls are allowed a jumper, skort, or shorts with a belt as well. Mary Jane shoes are also appropriate school shoes for the girls. On Mass days the children need to wear dress uniform which includes blue pants for the boys with the green polo and a belt. The girls may wear a skort or jumper with the white button shirt. Girls may wear "slip on" ballet flat shoes on **Mass days only**. They may also wear hunter green, white, black or dark blue tights or knee high socks. In addition black shorts maybe worn under the jumper for modesty.



PE

Our P.E. days will be Wednesday and Friday. Children must wear P.E. uniform and appropriate school shoes on these days only. Please send a **water bottle** with your child since the weather is still warm and they need to drink regularly

Please **label everything** your child brings to school including sweatshirts, backpacks, lunch boxes, and supplies.



Gradelink

Finally, please remember to log in your service hours on Gradelink! Everyone received the log-in information at back to school night. If you need a second copy please contact the office. There will plenty of opportunities throughout the year to get your hours through the various special activities in the classroom.

I look forward to a great year with you and your children! They are God's greatest gift to you, and I thank you for sharing those gifts with me this year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Barrios

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