

Dear Incoming First Grade Families,

The first grade team here at St. Pius X is looking forward to getting to know your little one/ones. This is a very exciting time! Your child will be learning and experiencing so many different things that will enrich them wholly. We would like to give you a few helpful tips to help set your child up for success upon the start of the year.

First, we have a variety of prayers that students are required to memorize by the end of first grade: *Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Our Father, Glory Be*, and the *Prayer to St. Michael*. Please practice these prayers this summer. It is also very helpful for the following behaviors to be modeled for the children when attending mass: kneel to pray, listen to the Homily and discuss Father's message, sit still with hands folded, stand during appropriate times and participate during prayers and responses. We hope to attend Mass once a week at school.

Second, please continue to practice Popcorn Words from Kindergarten. In first grade, we will use the Savvas My View Series High Frequency Words this year. This is a list of words that make up between 50-70% of the words we encounter in text. Most of these words cannot be "sounded out" and they need to be learned by "sight," which is similar to the Popcorn Words.

Lastly, summer reading is a valuable experience for all students and an important extension of our educational program. Please have your child choose a nonfiction book that they read over the summer and complete the attached "Nonfiction Notes" page. If your child is able to write complete sentences, please have them do that. If it makes more sense for them to draw pictures, please write a simple description next to the picture they drew. Students are expected to turn these in during the first week of school. Also included is a blank calendar. Please print out one for June, July, and August to document your child's summer reading. Practice accountability by having your child mark each day that he/she reads with a smiley face. These calendars may also be turned in at the beginning of the year.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns. Have a great summer! Happy reading!

Blessings,

The First Grade Team

(Mrs. Rosberg, Mrs. Klear, Ms. Iannarelli & Mrs. Walerius)

Nonfiction Notes

Topic

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Sign of the Cross



In the name of the Father,



and the Son



and the Holy



Spirit



Amen.

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

Our Father

Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Glory Be

Glory be
to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle, be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do
thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the
power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the
evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking
the ruin of souls.
Amen.

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