

# Welcome to First Grade

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Welcome to First Grade! We are looking forward to seeing all of our first graders on Tuesday September, 1st. We hope you are as excited as we are. We are blessed to have the privilege of teaching your children. Please come prepared to celebrate a new school year. We promise you a year full of incredible learning and fun activities. Following is some information that will help you:

**Homework Policy:** I assign homework because I believe it is a great follow up to what the children learn in school. It is used as reinforcement of what your child is learning and helps prepare them for the next lesson. It is also a great way to develop positive work habits. Homework is given almost every week Monday through Thursday. I expect the children to do their best job and to return homework every week. I ask parents to oversee the homework and make sure it gets turned in. I also ask parents to take an active part in some of it, such as memorizing number families, reading every night with the children etc. Every once in a while we will have special projects.

**Reading:** I ask that the children read at least 15 to 20 minutes a night with a parent or older sibling.

**Math:** I ask that parents work on math facts and families each evening with their children.

**Buddies:** We will meet our sixth grade buddies during September and go to church with them often during the school year. They will also be reading buddies with us from time to time.

**Curriculum:** First Grade addresses California and Archdiocesan standards as well as many enrichment projects. In addition they go to art class, computer class, science class, p.e, class, music and Spanish class each week.

**Communication:** Each week I send home a newsletter with reminders and important information for the week. I will include samples of the students work.

**Discipline:** I believe in a positive approach to discipline with small rewards given to the children when they behave properly. Consequences are rarely needed, however, if a child chooses to continually break the rules they will be removed from an activity or a note will be sent home.

**Philosophy:** My philosophy is to teach the whole child and to see each child as a unique gift from God. Working together, we will have a productive year with much learning and maturity (and lots of fun also!)