

St. John Academy

McLean, Virginia

Dear First Grader,

We can't wait to welcome you into our First Grade classroom in August! It is going to be such an adventurous trip through learning and so much fun!

In First Grade we love to read! We read every day! So to make sure we don't get "rusty" over the summer, please make sure you read almost everyday during your summer vacation. There is a book list attached for you to look at and to get some ideas, but you can read any book you want to! We can talk all about the interesting books you have read in class this fall. You can even write a mini "book report" to show your classmates all about your favorite story. This will help you to be ready for all the reading we do in First Grade.

We also love to write, but to write with beautiful handwriting. We learn to sit with straight posture and to carefully form our letters. We have a worksheet attached that explains how to form each letter so you can practice writing at home! Handwriting can be so much fun!

There is one more very important thing you should always remember to do. Pray! In First Grade we learn all about Jesus, His Mother and the Saints. Practice saying the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory Be* with your parents at home.

Enjoy your summer vacation! Have fun and experience many exciting adventures. We can't wait to hear all about them in August!

Miss Kopec

And

Miss Doane

The 1st Grade Teachers



FIRST GRADE
SUMMER READING LIST

The Cat in the Hat by: Dr. Seuss

Green Eggs and Ham by: Dr. Seuss

(any of Dr. Seuss' books are tons of fun!)

If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by: Laura Joffe Numeroff

If You Give a Moose a Muffin by: Laura Joffe Numeroff

If You Give a Pig a Pancake by: Laura Joffe Numeroff

Too Much Noise by: Ann McGovern

Clifford, the Big Red Dog by: Robert Bridwell

Snowmen at Night by: Caralyn Buehner

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by: Eric Carl

Diary of a Worm by: Doreen Cronin

Is Your Mama a Llama? by: Deborah Guanino

Child's Book of Prayers by: Michael Hague

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Did You See? by: Bill Martin

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus

by: Mo Willem

But I waant It

by: Dr. Laura Schlessinger

A Walk Through Our Church

by: Gertrud Mueller Nelson

Where Does God Live?

by: Holly Bea

Corduroy

by: Don Freeman

The Lord's Prayer

by: Lois Rock

Giraffes Can't Dance

by: Giles Andreae

Good Job, Little Bear

by: Martin Waddell

Leo the Lop

by: Stephen Cosgrove

The Lion and the Mouse

by: Cheyenne Cisco

Love You Forever

by: Robert Munsch

Make Way for the Ducklings

by: Robert McCloskey

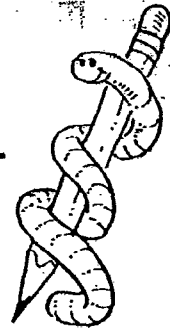
The Ant Bully

by: John Nickle

Babe, The Gallant Pig

by: Dick King-Smith

Letter Formation Chart



Aa

Bb

Cc

Dd

Ee

Ff

Gg

Hh

Ii

Jj

Kk *slanted T*

Ll

Mm

Nn

Oo **start at "2:00" and then around*

Pp

Qq

Rr

Ss

Tt

Uu

go half way U then straight down U

Vv

Ww

Xx

Yy

Zz

**In handwriting, always start at the top and pull down.*



