

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the wonderful world of first grade! I am looking forward to an exciting year full of learning and growing. I am requesting that your child comes to school equipped with the following supplies, which will need to be replaced throughout the year.

- 1 soft pencil case (must fit in desk)
- 3 sharpened #2 pencils everyday
- 1 eraser

1 standard size plastic box that fits in the desk with the following supplies:

- 1 box of 24 crayons
- 1 large glue stick
- 1 pair of safety scissors
- 1 Expo marker for white boards

Your child will also need two folders. I will order a separate folder for tests. The following items will be ordered through the school: 3 copybooks, 1 theme tablet, and Weekly Reader Magazine. Please do not purchase any other notebooks or binders for school.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Our special year begins with our Buddy Ceremony in October, where each first grader receives an eighth grade Buddy. We will attend Mass each Friday and celebrate holidays together. This culminates in the Buddy Mass and Breakfast, that

the first grade hosts in honor of their eighth grade Buddies. This is a long-standing, beautiful tradition at St. Bartholomew School.

The curriculum is student-centered and children actively learn in a caring and stimulating environment. The multi-sensory, hands-on approach meets the needs of diverse learners and makes learning fun. You will be amazed at your child's growth and learning throughout the year as we utilize our comprehensive reading and writing program that compliments our social studies and science programs. Our math series also contains a critical thinking component and utilizes manipulatives. Enjoy your summer vacation. I am looking forward to a wonderful year of learning!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Maligranda

June 19, 2009

Dear Parents,

Although the summer has just begun, I am looking forward to a year of love, education and inspiration with your children. I have chosen "Chicka-Chicka, Boom, Boom" by Bill Martin, Jr. as the first grade summer reading selection. This newly classic tale of mischievous letters involves rhythms and rhymes which are essential to reading. Please send in the book on the first day of school in September. We will revisit it again in fun and inspiring ways during our first days together. I encourage you to consider joining a summer reading program at your local library or at the East Brunswick Public Library. Allow your child to choose literature that is appealing to him or her so that reading is enjoyable. I wish you and your family a safe and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Terese Maligranda