

MARY of NAZARETH
Roman Catholic School



June, 2021

Dear Incoming First Grade Students and Parents,

Welcome to First Grade! We are excited to have you in our classes in the fall and we want you to begin the school year with skills and strategies to help you to be successful. That is why Mary of Nazareth requires that you continue to work on the IXL math and language arts skill sets that you have been doing this school year and to do some enjoyable reading activities.

Mary of Nazareth School **requires that all students** practice their learning skills by working on the IXL math and language arts objectives from your child's current grade level and to complete the attached Reading projects. The IXL math and language arts skill objectives have been identified for you based on what has been taught this past school year in those classes and the expectations for the beginning of the school year. These objectives have been highlighted / starred by your teacher and a paper copy has been included in this letter to help you to keep track of the skills that you have completed. Please try to do at least 10 of the highlighted math and 10 of the language arts skills. Feel free to do more objectives, your work will be recorded in your online account. Your work will count towards a classroom celebration.

In addition to the IXL review, the first grade teachers are asking that you do the following reading projects:

1. The teachers would like you to read the adorable hardback book *That's Just Me!* by Shannon Moxley Jones. This book can be found at the public library, Barnes & Noble, or at Amazon (for less than \$5.00). We hope this book becomes a family favorite. The teachers have planned many amazing activities and lessons to bring this book to life for you as you begin first grade! We know that the students will really enjoy what is in store for them in early September.
2. The teachers would like you to **select at least one other book to read** and create a poster about a book that you have read over the summer. Your teacher will offer a celebration for your hard work.

Our goal is to provide you with some interesting activities that will keep your reading, grammar, and math skills sharp and will get you ready for first grade. Remember to try to learn a new word every day, pray daily, go to Mass, have fun, play outside, and have a wonderful vacation!

Have a blessed and peaceful summer!
The First Grade Team

Incoming First Grade

Summer 2021

Reading Projects

Welcome to First Grade! The students are being asked to complete the following tasks:

1. **Try to read, or to be read to, everyday for at least 15 minutes.** The time you spend reading should be relaxing and remember it will help you to be prepared for first grade. See how many books you can read over the summer!
2. We are asking that you read *That's Just Me! By Shannon Moxley Jones*. We hope that you will enjoy this book! This book celebrates the uniqueness in each of us.
3. Please select **one** of the other books that you have read over the summer. Make a colorful paper poster about that book. Your poster will be displayed in the hallway during the month of September. We want to be able to display all of the posters in the hallway for everyone to see.
 - The “poster” must have the book title and author, create some illustrations about the story. Be sure your child’s name is clearly on the poster.
 - Be creative with your ideas and materials!
4. **The poster is due Friday, September 10, 2021.**



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