

MARY of NAZARETH
Roman Catholic School



June 2022

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 the foundational first grade skills and to complete the attached Reading projects. The IXL math and language arts skill objectives have been identified for you based on upcoming skill expectations for the beginning of the school year. These objectives have been identified on the forms started 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. You may also print out the forms and submit them in the fall. 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 2022

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. Print out the last page of this document, draw a detailed drawing of yourself with multiple crayons. If you have brown eyes, be sure the drawing has brown eyes. If you have black hair, please color your hair black. This part of the homework will be used for a slideshow for Back To School Night.
3. Please select **one** of the other books that you have read over the summer. Make a colorful paper poster about that book. We want to be able to display all of the posters in the classroom for everyone to see. Our intention is to have the posters on display for Back To School Night September 8, 2022.
 - 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 5, 2021.**

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IXL Language Arts Summer Work: Due September 5, 2022

Pick any ten (10) IXL language arts skills you completed between June 15th -- Sept. 10, 2021 to a *Mastery Score* of at least 85% and list your work on this sheet. *Please note that when logging in each time you should double check the skill name, number and grade level.* You may contact your first-grade teacher directly using the email address listed above if you have any questions.

Grade Level	Skill Number	Skill Name	Mastery Score of 85%	Highest Mastery Score Achieved (optional)	Date Completed
1st	A1	Sort Vowels and Consonants			
1st	A2	Finding Vowels in the word			
1st	C1	Choose the picture that rhyming			
1st	D1	Blending and Segmenting			
1st	E1	Which two words have the same sound			
1st	S	Sight Words			
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Name _____

THIS IS ME

