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Dear Parents,

First grade is just around the corner for both you and your child. Summer is a time for family, fun, and making memories. If some of those memories involve readiness for school all the better. Please read to and with your child every day. Discuss characters, setting, problems, and solutions with your child.

Build responsibility with jobs at home-room cleaning etc. They will have a desk at school, which needs to be orderly, so they can find what is needed. If they are responsible for setting the table etc., this will help them be responsible for their work in class. At this stage, children need to be taught “how to” do jobs.

Please check your child's folder each night. You will find class work, homework, and notes from the office.

If there is a change in the way your child is going home please send in a dated, signed note with your child.

Each day your child should have a healthy snack, lunch or lunch money (clearly marked with their name). I also like them to have a bottle of water on their desks.

#### SUPPLY LIST

- at least 24 sharpened pencils
- an eraser
- a plastic 7/3/1 " pencil box with name on it
- one box of 24 crayons
- 3 jumbo glue sticks
- 1 plain two -pocket folder
- 1 composition notebook
- a pair of scissors

#### SUMMER WORK

Read every day.

Write sentences about what you have read.

Count objects and groups of things.

Practice High Frequency Words (see attached sheet)

Sincerely,  
Anne M. Quirk



**St. Pius X School  
Grade 1  
Summer Reading List**

**Authors Too Good To Miss**

Avi  
Andrew Clements  
Sharon Creech  
Tomie DePaola  
Patricia Reilly Giff  
Russell Hoban  
Eva Ibbotson  
Suzy Kline  
Leo Lionni  
Arnold Lobel  
James Marshall  
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor  
Laura Numeroff  
Mary Pope Osborne  
Barbara Park  
Gary Paulsen  
David Shannon  
Jerry Spinelli  
Mark Teague  
Rosemary Wells

**Suggested Books:**

Miss Nelson Has A Field Day by Harry Allard  
Frog and Toad Are Friends by Arnold Lobel  
George and Martha by James Marshall  
Tikki Tikki Tembo by Arlene Mosel  
If You Give A Pig A Pancake by Laura Numeroff  
Sylvester and the Magic Pebble by William Steig  
Edward Unready for School by Rosemary Wells  
A Chair for My Mother by Vera Williams  
The Napping House by Audrey Wood  
William's Doll by Charlotte Zolotow

**Recommended Series:**

Henry and Mudge by Cynthia Rylant  
Junie B. Jones by Barbara Park  
Horrible Harry by Suzie Kline  
Magic Tree House by Mary Pope Osborne



## **DONATIONS WE CAN ALWAYS USE!**

**THESE ITEMS ARE NOT PART OF THE FIRST GRADE SUPPLY LIST, BUT ARE ITEMS YOU MAY DONATE, IF YOU WISH!**

- \*\*Kleenex tissues\*\***
- \*\*Dry-erase (white board) markers\*\***
- \*\*Paper towels\*\***
- \*\*Glue sticks (not liquid)\*\***
- \*\*Clorox wipes\*\***
- \*\*Paper goods such as plates, napkins, and cups\*\***
- \*\*Disinfectant hand wipes (Wet Ones)\*\***
- \*\*Baby wipes for quick clean-ups\*\***
- \*\*Crayola Makers\*\***
- \*\*Elmer's Glue bottles\*\***
- \*\*Plastic baggies - any size\*\***



# First Grade High Frequency Word List

I recommend writing these words on flashcards and reviewing them with your child. You may even choose to play a memory or matching game. Review these words in chunks using only six at a time until mastery occurs. That way your child will not be overwhelmed.

a  
blue  
I  
red  
see  
yellow

at  
and  
can  
the  
look  
my

big  
have  
it  
is  
in  
little

do  
like  
not  
that  
to  
you

get  
one  
two  
three  
what  
we

up  
go  
here  
but  
where  
am