



Aug. 31, 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome to first grade! I am very excited to start this year with you and your children. Here is a little information on how this first week will go for us in first grade.

RECESS

For the first week we will be going to **recess twice a day** (sometimes more). It is a big adjustment for your child to go to school all day and they need the breaks.

SNACKS

We will be having snack in the morning and also in the afternoon for this first week, so please pack your child **two healthy** snacks each day. We will go to **one snack a day next week**. If you should ever forget, I will have something available. Also, please help with our lunch rule of **no candy or pop**.

GREEN FOLDERS (communication folder)

These folders will be for **papers to come home and for you to send any notes or information**. The children will be responsible for checking their folder as they put it in their mailbox each morning and placing things for me in my box. I will be reminding them. Please email me or leave me a voicemail if you are concerned about my receiving an item. It is important we continue to grow in the responsibility we started in kindergarten. **Please check the folders each night for notes and returned work then return the folder the next day.**

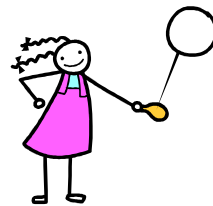
MASS

We are going to **Opening of School Mass** on Friday, Sept. 10 at **9:55 AM** and would really appreciate any parents who can come along and sit with us to help us stay focused. If you can help us out, please come to the classroom at **9:30 AM** so we can head over together. Thank you!

We are going to ease into first grade activities so we don't become overwhelmed. There will be much more information coming your way in my first newsletter and at the **Family Open House on Wednesday, September 15 at 7 PM.** I will cover homework, specials and other information then. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions at 458-4228 ext. 312. My email is kdonohue@stthomasgr.org. I like to communicate by email, so please take advantage of this wonderful technology.

Thank you for entrusting me with your precious children. I am extremely excited to have this wonderful group of children this year. I promise to take good care of them and help them to grow and learn all that they can.

God Bless,



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