

June, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Grade One teachers of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School have prepared this pamphlet to help you and your child get ready for the exciting adventure of First Grade.

School begins on Tuesday, September 4th. Students generally gather on the school yard and teachers will be outside to circulate and greet you. The bell will ring at 9:05. At this time, all Grade One students and their parents/guardians, will proceed to the gym. You will be welcomed by our Principal and each primary teacher will read out their list of students. Students will line up with their teacher, classmates and all their belongings and their teacher will lead them to their new classroom. Parents and Guardians are welcome to accompany their child to the classroom, take a look around the class, and then, say good bye and allow your child to join his/her classmates in what will be an exciting and busy first day. Before leaving, please ensure you have confirmed with your child's teacher the home time procedure (for example: bus, walker, after school programme).

Grade One students are dismissed at the end of the day (3:35 p.m.) at the primary recess door at the back of the school. As is our school policy, parents and guardians are asked to wait for their child outside and teachers will release your child to you at the final bell.

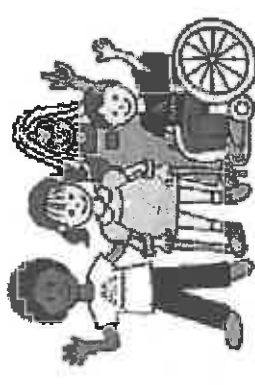


PLEASE REFER TO THE BACK OF THIS PAMPHLET FOR THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES REQUESTED FOR GRADE ONE.

Many parents and guardians ask how they can help prepare their child for Grade One. Over the summer, continue to read TO and WITH your child from a variety of materials including books, magazines, and non-fiction texts. Play problem solving games in authentic situations like counting the steps from home to the park, figuring out how many socks are in 5 pairs, when folding laundry, or by helping your child count out the correct change at the store. Above all, don't forget to reassure your child that he/she is ready for First Grade and all the wonderful adventures that await.

Please look for many important notes to come home in your child's Agenda on the first few days of school. The Agenda is an important way to communicate between home and school and should be initiated everyday by the parent.

We appreciate your support and look forward to meeting you all in September!



Yours in Catholic Education,

Ms. D. Albrough

Ms. M. Sheppard

Ms. J. Grey

School Supplies Checklist

To foster the sense of belonging and community in grade 1, we would like to promote the idea of sharing and working in groups. Students will be sitting in table groups and will share supplies as a group. At the Open House in September, we will be inviting parents to donate selected materials (i.e. coloured pencils, markers, scissors etc.) to be shared as a group. This will take the place of purchasing individual supplies for your child (which reduces waste and cost to you). Please find below the list of supplies your child does require for the first day of school:

- ✓ 1 back pack
 - ✓ 1 lunch bag (preferably with reusable tupperware containers)
 - ✓ 1 pair of indoor shoes (preferably running shoes)
 - ✓ 1 change of clothes (in a ziplock bag, clearly marked with name)
- *We are asking the boys to bring in 1 box of large Ziploc bags and the girls to bring in 1 box of facial tissues.**

Thanks! 😊



Getting Ready for

Back to School



Grade One

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