



First Grade News

From the desk of Mrs. Potter



Welcome to first grade! I am looking forward to an exciting new year. I would like to welcome all new families to our school, as well as welcome back all families from what was hopefully a wonderful summer! I was pleased to see so many families come in last week, it was so nice to meet everyone!

We are very fortunate to have Laurie Maloy as our classroom aide. Mrs. Maloy has many years of experience as a classroom aide, most of them here at St. Albert's:)

I will be going over classroom procedures, rules, and expectations with students this week. In today's Monday folder you will find a separate letter from me that describes my policies on various topics such as homework and discipline (this is the same that I was passing out last Thursday if you were able to make it). Please sign it and return it in the Monday folder. Don't forget to sign the Monday folder as well!

The youngest/only child in your family who attends St. Albert's will be bringing home the

new Parent Handbook. Please make sure you review it. The pages in the back will need to be signed and returned.

In first grade, students will begin taking formal spelling tests on Fridays. However, the first three units are review so the first spelling lists will be sent home in a few weeks when we get to unit 4. I will discuss that in more detail at that time.

You will begin to see the homework folder come home this week with math assignments. As described in my letter on policies, math will be the only homework that will come home nightly. All other homework will come home on Friday and will be due by the following Friday. I just have one homework item for you to discuss with your child tonight...their name! Are they named after someone special, a family member, a saint? Or is their name unique, and how did you decide on it? We will be doing some in-class discussion and journaling about the students, their names, and what makes them special!

The first mass of the year will be this Wednesday. On mass days, girls must wear their jumpers and boys must wear long pants. Our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our school recently adopted a new math program called Math Expressions, as well as Carolina Science which is very hands-on and experiment oriented. Additionally, four years ago I adopted new programs for subjects such as spelling, grammar, and social studies that tie in with the Common Core State Standards for education. The grammar, science, and math, programs are highly interactive and web-based. I will be discussing these further next Thursday at our Back-to-School Night. I hope to see you there!

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First Grade Specials

- Monday: PE 1:40-2:15
- Tuesday: music 12:50-1:20
Computers 1:30-2:00
- Wednesday: Mass 10:30
- Thursday: Computers 1:30-2:00
- Friday: PE 10:45-11:25
Library 12:30-1:00

Special Dates and Reminder

- 9/2 Labor Day, no school
- 9/5 Back-to-School Night
- 9/19 Early release

