Dear New 1st Grade Friend,

WELCOME TO FIRST GRADE!!! I'm so excited you are coming to First Grade at St. Aloysius School! We are going to have so much fun and learn a lot of new things! We will also make lots of new friends.

Over the summer I would like each of you to have fun, play outside, wear lots of sunscreen and get lots of exercise. Also, over the summer, please read, read, read, and read any books you can. Maybe, mom or dad will help you join the Library and you can take out lots of books each week for free as long as you return them. Read to yourself or to a family member. And have them read to you. Maybe you can read a page and they can read the next page and everyone will get a turn!

If you know your numbers, please practice printing them correctly. We will learn number rhymes in 1st grade to help us to remember. If you are practicing how to add and subtract, practice your math facts. Maybe you can work on a computer or IPad and practice learning games. Some popular sites the children enjoy working with are listed below. These are free sites. Starfall.com, ABCya.com, and PBS.org. There are 2 sites that Mom and Dad could sign up for a 30 day free trial. Splashmath.com, Edutyping.com.

Mrs. Dudek gave you a username and password for IXL.com. Use this site to play Reading, Grammar, Phonics and Math readiness games to keep you fresh for 1st grade.

Have a great summer. See you in September!

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Love, Mrs. Kalil