

Dear Parents,

Thank you for allowing St. Joseph School to be part of your child's life. This year we will be working on the following skills by the end of the year:

- Spelling four-letter and five-letter words.
- Writing a variety of short paragraphs on various topics. The paragraphs can be about fictional, non-fictional or sharing their opinion within a certain area.
- Writing complete sentences with correct capitalization and punctuation.
- Answering addition and subtraction facts for sums up to twenty.
- Measuring length using items such as cubes, paper clips and rulers.
- Counting change and tell time to the hour and half hour.
- Identifying a variety of shapes and building these shapes.
- Learning about important our communities and important people that help support our community. Major events such as President Day, Labor and Memorial Day and symbols that represent our country.
- Learning about animals and insects and their characteristics
- Learning about weather and measurement tools such as thermometers.
- Learning about God and grow in their faith at an early age. Hopefully, this faith will continue to grow throughout their lifetime.
- Assuming responsibilities and routines.
- Listening for a longer period of time.
- Working independently.

These are a few skills that our class will be working on. We are busy academically, but we also have quite a bit of fun throughout our year. We have a great staff that cares about our students and we are working at building a safe and nurturing environment. Our students also have the opportunity of attending computer, art, physical education, music and Italian classes throughout the week. These specials are fun, interesting, and educational. It allows our students to grow in knowledge in other subjects and spark their interest in areas they may not have an opportunity to explore within our individual grade-level classroom.

Sincerely,

First Grade Teacher