



# Mary of Nazareth Catholic School

A Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



June 2026

Dear Incoming First Grade Students and Parents,

Welcome to First Grade! We are excited to have you in our classes in the fall and we want you to begin the school year with skills and strategies to help you to be successful. That is why Mary of Nazareth requires that you continue to work on math skills found in the yellow book, practice skills like shoe tying, writing the alphabet and reading with your family.

Mary of Nazareth School **requires that all students** practice their learning skills during the summer.

In addition to the math book provided to you, the first grade teachers are asking that you do the following reading projects:

1. The teachers would like you to read the adorable hardback book *Mona in a Mesh* by Roselle. **This author is local to the area and we will have her visit in the fall.** [Mona in a Mesh](#). In this story, Gigi had to wait for Mona to come out of the chrysalis. Draw a picture of yourself on the paper with the hearts. Add details like: hairstyle, skin color and a smile. You are waiting to go to first grade and we cannot wait to display your work.
2. The teachers would also like you to **select at least one other book to read** and create a poster about a book that you have read over the summer. This work will also be displayed and cannot measure larger than 11x14. The poster should have the book title, a drawing of the characters, your child's name clearly printed on it and be colorful. This poster will be displayed all year next year.

Three items are due on September 10, 2026. We will have a fall celebration for returned work samples: spiral math book, illustrated self portrait and reading poster. Our goal is to provide you with some interesting activities that will keep your reading, grammar, and math skills sharp and will get you ready for first grade. Remember to try to learn a new word every day, pray daily, go to Mass, have fun, play outside, and have a wonderful vacation!

Have a blessed and peaceful summer!  
The First Grade Team

# Incoming First Grade

## Summer 2026 *Reading Projects*

Welcome to First Grade! The students are being asked to complete the following tasks:

1. **Try to read, or to be read to, everyday for at least 15 minutes.** The time you spend reading should be relaxing and remember it will help you to be prepared for first grade. See how many books you can read over the summer!
2. We are asking that you read *Mona in a Mesh by Roselle*. We hope that you will enjoy this book! This book celebrates the art of waiting for something wonderful (like going to first grade). Print out the last page of this document (the page with the hearts), draw a detailed drawing of yourself with multiple crayons. If you have brown eyes, be sure the drawing has brown eyes. If you have black hair, please color your hair black. This part of the homework will be used for a slideshow for Back To School Night.
3. Please select **one** of the other books that you have read over the summer. Make a colorful paper poster about that book. We want to be able to display all of the posters in the classroom for everyone to see. Our intention is to have the posters on display for Back To School Night September 10, 2024.
  - The “poster” must have the book title and author, create some illustrations about the story. Be sure your child’s name is clearly on the poster.
  - Be creative with your ideas and materials!
4. Optional skill building website. Students were introduced to TypingClub with Ms. Benttz during the school year. She has set up a Phonic Course work to maintain skills learned in Kindergarten. If you and your child explore this free resource, we would love your feedback.  
[Mary-of-Nazareth.typingclub.com](http://Mary-of-Nazareth.typingclub.com)  
Please read the additional page of instruction from Ms. Bentz. This includes login directions for your child.
5. **The poster is due Friday, September 10, 2026.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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