Dear Parents,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to our preschool. We would like to express our gratitude for choosing our program for your child. We take this responsibility seriously, and we will strive to make this a very rewarding and happy year for all involved.

We would like to share a bit of information with you. Please keep this information for future reference.

**Our first day will begin on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.** Children will gather in front of the main doors on Hawthorne Street at 7:40 AM. Students will leave parents at the door, and be brought back to the same doors at 12:40 PM. All children will report on the first day! We will have a half days of school on Thursday and Friday and full days will begin on Monday, September 14, 2020.

Blessed Trinity Catholic School offers before and after school programs. If anyone is interested in either CARES programs, please contact the school office for fees and registration information. Both programs will be available on the first full day of school which is on Monday, September 14, 2020. Full-day school hours are 7:40 AM to 2:30 PM.

The children will come to school each day with the official school gym suit, which is their uniform. The uniform consists of the official Blessed Trinity Catholic School t-shirt, gym shorts, sweatpants and sweatshirt. From November 1st until April 1st the children must wear the t-shirt under the sweatshirt along with the sweatpants. Purchasing information will be included in this letter. **Everyday velcro sneakers (no high tops) must be worn to school with the uniform. You may choose the color of your choice, but please do not buy novelty sneakers that light up, play music, or are overly ornate.**

The children will be resting in the afternoon. In order for the children to be comfortable, we ask that you purchase a nap mat. Enclosed with this letter is a sample of the **exact type mat we are requesting.** The mat must meet the specifications to fit in our storage area and to meet safety requirements. ANY OTHER TYPE OF MAT, OR SLEEPING BAG WILL BE SENT HOME. If you are unsure, please keep your receipt.

We are looking forward to meeting you. We hope you enjoy the remainder of the summer. We pray that God will keep you and your family safe and happy.

Sincerely,

Mrs. O’Brien
Dear Parents,

Summer is a wonderful time to read, relax, move, and grow. I have enclosed an awesome way to prepare your child for the fabulous school year ahead. On the Book Bingo sheet you will see twenty ideas to enhance your child’s literacy. Select a few areas to do each week. As you are completing the chart place a sticker, or draw a circle around the topic until the page is complete.

On the reverse side of the page please list the names of the books that you have read to your child. Please return the form at our Back to School Meeting, or on the first day of class. The children will be thrilled to know a few of the authors that we will be learning about this year.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to email me at: jo’brien@btrcs.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jackie O’Brien

Back to School Meeting information will arrive later in the year.
My child has read the following books:

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Additional Ideas:

1. Call attention to words and labels in the environment.
2. Use all the senses to investigate the world around them.
3. Do fun crafts with your child to encourage eye-hand coordination.
4. Talk about the pictures your child draws. Remember that pictures usually tell a story. Let them tell their story.
5. Do not let the children spend a great deal of time on devices.
6. Encourage your child to use their imagination, and play along with them.
7. Enjoy each second for the time will go by quickly.
## Summer Book Bingo

After reading these books to your child, have your child color the square or place a sticker over the square. Keep going until you fill the chart!

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<th><strong>READ BOOKS BY MO WILLEMS.</strong></th>
<th><strong>Relax &amp; read a book outside.</strong></th>
<th><strong>check out a book from the public library.</strong></th>
<th><strong>Read a fairy tale.</strong></th>
<th><strong>Read a children’s magazine.</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Read a non-fiction book.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Read a book by Jan Brett and pick an activity from janbrett.com.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Read or recite nursery rhymes.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Tell a family member all about a book you like. Who are the characters? What do they do? What do they say?</strong></td>
<td><strong>Go to storylineonline.net to have a book read to you.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Read books by Laura Numeroff.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Read a poem from a poetry book for children.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Make your own book and read it to a family member or friend.</strong></td>
<td><strong>READ A BOOK ABOUT ANIMALS.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>READ A BOOK ABOUT THE BEACH OR OCEAN.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Read a book to learn about a topic that interests you.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Listen to an audio book.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Draw or paint a picture about a book you have read.</strong></td>
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