

St. Katherine of Siena School  
9738 Frankford Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA

August 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade! First Grade is an exciting time as children embark new adventures. You will be amazed at how much your child grows just in one year! As we plan for a beginning like no other, our focus at St. Katherine of Siena is to ensure your child feels connected by providing a safe and nurturing environment where they are challenged by new learning experiences.

We have taken the time to prepare our classroom to assure your child's safety in their learning environment. For more information regarding the St. Katherine of Siena safety plan, please visit: <https://sksphila.org/covid-plan-2020-2021>.

### *Virtual Parent Orientation Meeting*

Please join us for the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Orientation on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00. This will be done virtually through a Zoom Meeting. The virtual meeting is to ensure your child's classroom remains sanitized for the children's arrival on Wednesday. During the meeting, we will review procedures and provide information about the curriculum. The virtual meeting will take place from our classroom in order for you to be able view the classroom setting. The opportunity to ask questions will also be provided. Please be on the lookout for the invitation to this in meeting in the coming weeks.

### *First Day of School*

The first day for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade is Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Arrival will be at 8:30 at McBride Hall and Dismissal will be at 12:00. There will be more information regarding dismissal to come. There will be no lunch or CARES. Please send your child to school with a snack, drink and a towel.

## *Uniforms*

The students are allowed to wear their gym uniforms (Navy blue shorts and gray SKS t-shirt) and white sneakers for the first month of school. The situation will be reevaluated in September. Uniforms are available for purchase at Flynn & O'Hara. The Home and School is offering a Uniform swap on August 20<sup>th</sup> in McBride Hall. Please write your child's name on their sweaters and sweatshirts.

Students are required to wear a mask over the age of 7 each day. Children under 7 will be required to wear them when there is not social distancing. We will have frequent mask breaks. Please have one extra mask in your child's school bag.

## *Stationer/Supply List*

Please see attached the stationery/supply list at the end of this email. We understand certain items like the Clorox disinfecting wipes and Lysol spray may be extremely difficult to purchase at this time. You are NOT required to purchase these items, but if you come across those items and would like to donate them to your child's classroom, we would greatly appreciate those cleaning supplies. St. Katherine will be purchasing cleaning products for the school, but donations are always needed and welcomed.

We are working on a date and time for a supply drop off before school begins. More details to come.

We look forward to meeting you virtually on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

God bless you and your family as we begin this exciting journey together.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lynell Carpino & Miss Jordan Horsley

## **ST. KATHERINE OF SIENA**

### **1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE SAFETY AND CLEANING PROCEDURES**

1. Plans regarding the health and safety of all individuals will be put in place throughout the school year and communicated with families.
2. The wearing of shields/masks is required for all faculty and staff.
3. The wearing of masks is required for all children over the age of 7 years. There will be frequent mask breaks throughout the day.
4. Families will not be permitted to enter the building during morning arrival.
5. Any child with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be able to remain in school. Parents or designated adult will be required to take the child home.
6. If your child becomes ill during the school day, a parent or designated adult must pick the child up from school.
7. Families must email their child's teacher if they are not coming to school. Families must also notify the school office.
8. All classrooms will be sanitized throughout the day. This includes the wiping down of surfaces, sanitization of manipulatives, cleaning of door knobs and frequently touch surfaces, etc.
9. There will be no sharing of supplies. Students will be provided with their own pencils with their number on it as well as their own manipulatives they will use throughout the year.

10. There will be no sharing of food or treats for birthdays/holiday celebrations.
11. If a student is sick, unrelated to COVID-19, they will not be provided virtual assignments.
12. In the event that your child has been exposed to COVID-19 and must quarantine for 14 days, your child will be able to go virtual.
13. In the event that the cohort needs to be quarantined and all learning needs to be virtual, first grade students will follow their regular day. More details will come on this matter.
14. All students are required to follow the St. Katherine of Siena Ongoing Plan for a Healthy, Secure and Safe School Community. This plan can be found on our website: [sksphila.org](http://sksphila.org).

# **FIRST GRADE STATIONERY LIST**

**2020-2021**

**PLEASE PRINT YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON EVERYTHING**

- 1 Large Pencil Case
- 1 Yellow Highlighter
- 3 Two Pocket Folders
- 1 Box of Crayons
- 4 Big Glue Sticks
- 2 Dry Erase Markers
- Water Color Paints

## **Cleaning Supplies**

3 Boxes of tissues, 3 packs of paper towels, 2 hand soap pump bottles, 2 packs of baby wipes, 2 Clorox cleaning wipes or 1 Lysol aerosol spray, 2 boxes of gallon size baggies, individual hand sanitizers and individual tissues

## **Items must be purchased at school**

- 4 copybooks @ \$2.00
- Theme tablet @ \$2.00
- 1 Journal (Mead) @ \$6.00

**Total \$16.00**

The stationery fee is \$16.00 due on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Kindly enclose the amount in a labeled envelope with your child's name, homeroom and the amount.

