Welcome to Saint Benedict Catholic School!
Your teacher has put together the following resources and recommendations to help you and your Comet get ready for a great start to the school year this Fall! The first official day of school at SBCS is Tuesday, August 24th - so we encourage you to carve out special time each day between now and then to help them grow, learn, and PLAY!

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**Reading**

Reading at home will make a HUGE difference in your child's school success. **Please read for at least 10-15 minutes every day and make it fun!**

- Read in fun places!
- Use audio books to take an adventure on a car ride!
- Talk about what you read together and build a love of reading!

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**Writing**

Help your child LOVE drawing and writing!

- Every child scribbles first...appreciate it - hang it up!
- Use a wide range of writing tools...pens, markers, chalk, etc.
- Tracing letters, numbers, shapes is a great way to help young writers.
- Make it FUN and stress-free!

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**Math**

Children develop positive feelings about math when they have math fun at home with their family!

- Count, read numbers, explore shapes, create patterns and measure!
- Celebrate and praise ALL math discoveries!
- Read counting books, count steps, and play board games that use counting (like Candyland, Chutes and Ladders, and Uno)!

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**Gross motor skills:** Before students can hold a pencil, they need to strengthen large muscles by playing on the monkey bars, swimming, or even building forts. Play is how children learn to discover their world!

**Fine motor skills:** Help your children increase control and hand strength in fun ways! Encourage your child to:

- Hold scissors the correct way (thumbs up!).
- Have fun with play dough, legos, dominos and blocks; string beads or noodles.
- Trace, draw shapes and write letters. Make it FUN and hands on!
- Pick up cotton balls, seeds, or rocks with clothes pins, as this is a fun way to build hand strength. Finally, work on buttoning, zipping, and tying shoes!

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**Mrs. Brunner’s Favorite Websites!**

- [https://readaloudrevival.com](https://readaloudrevival.com) (Read Aloud Revival)
- [https://www.wbur.org/circleround](https://www.wbur.org/circleround) (Circle Round)
- [https://www.abcya.com/grades/prek](https://www.abcya.com/grades/prek) (ABCya)
- [https://www.sesamestreet.org/games](https://www.sesamestreet.org/games) (Sesame Street Games)

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