

Dear Mom and Dad,

I know that you are excited about me going to Catholic school...So am I. You both have always told me that you would help me do my best. So here are some ideas of how you can help me have a great Catholic school year, and a great Catholic school life.

1. I know you work hard, and sometimes you get tired. Please do not get too tired to take me to Mass every Sunday. In class, we have learned that the Mass is a gift from God, and our attendance at Mass is our gift back to God. It makes me feel very sad when I do not give this gift back to God every Sunday.
2. There are certain rules at our school, like when to arrive and where to park, and when to pick me up. When I am late, or you do not follow the traffic rules, or you are late picking me up, it makes me worried and sometimes even afraid.
3. I know you want me to be the very best student I can be. Sometimes, even though I try hard, I may not do as well as you think I should. I love it when both of you are proud of me for trying my best. Even if I do not get the top grade.
4. Please let me begin to know how to stand up for myself. When you go to the teacher to say I was not chosen for a recess team, or to be this week's line leader, I think that you do not think I am able to handle some of my own problems. I promise to let you know if something happens and I really need your help, but I need to learn to be a problem solver, too.
5. Mom and Dad, I know you are busy and when you get home from work, there is a lot going on. I love my school and I love to talk about some of the special things that happen there each day. I really love it when you both take the time to listen. It makes me feel grown-up and very important.
6. Please do not forget to pray with me every day, Mom and Dad. I like to talk to God and I like it when we talk to God together. We have lots of reasons to tell God, "Thanks!"
7. Please read with me every day. I love to listen to you, Mom and Dad, and I love to sit close by you when we read. Can we do this forever? Please?
8. Mom and Dad, sometimes I am going to forget things and I know I will get in a little trouble at school. That's ok. It will help me to learn to remember, if I serve the consequences. You do not have to fix it for me. I will learn and be better. Besides, my teacher will still like me! It will be okay to learn about not forgetting.
9. I think that sometimes I will not want to do my homework. I **am** just a child. Please remind me and please do not let me not do it. And, don't you do it! If you do it, I will not learn. You always tell me I can do anything, so I know I can do my homework! Even, when I do not want to do it.
10. Finally, please know that some days I will be tired and some days I will be sad, but every day I need your love. Okay?

Thanks, Mom and Dad, for being great parents and for giving me the gift of my Catholic school. We are going to have a great year!

Love,

Your child