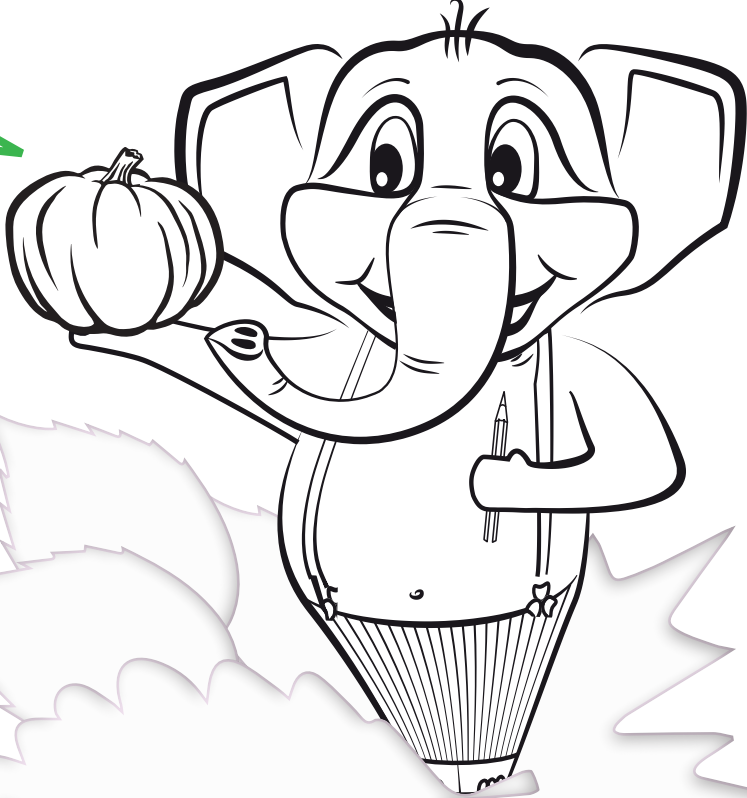




**Hello boys
and girls,**



I hope you enjoyed your summer holidays. I'm sure you have been very happy to see all of your friends and share your holiday memories and play together. It is important for us to remember to pause sometimes to remember our many happy moments and thank God for all of the blessings we have experienced. September is a time we often start new routines as you all return to school and I hope that you will have lots of fun this school year. I am going to share one of my favourite prayers for school with you now. You might like to share this with your teacher and classmates.



**Thank you
God,**

Thank you God for this new day.
In my school to work and pray.
Please be with me all day long.
In every story, game and song.
May all the happy things we do,
Make you, Our Father, happy too!

DID YOU KNOW?

September is also a month where we see changes all around us in nature. We thank God for all of the crops that have been harvested. Some of you may be able to attend a Harvest Thanksgiving Mass this month in your local church.

May we be blessed with a spirit of wonder and gratitude for the beauty all around us and a sense of responsibility for it. Have a super September!

The months of August, September, October and November are part of the harvest season. For us as Christians we recall God's constant protection and presence in our lives and we give thanks for the year's harvest. The September Ember Days (after September 14, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross) were three days (Wednesday, Friday and Saturday) to celebrate the end of the harvest season and focus on thanksgiving to God for the season.

Take care,

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