Beginning of School Year

Leader
As we light our candle, may the love of God open us to the possibilities that this year will bring.

Choose one song
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- Together Again  *Alive-O* 3  p. 10

Opening Prayer

Leader
God our Father, we know that you love and care for us with an everlasting love.
Today we pray for your blessing on each one of us as we begin this new school year.
Open our minds to the possibilities that this year holds.
Open our eyes to the wonder of each new day.
Open our hearts to the love of your Spirit.
Lord, hold us in the palm of your hand and help us grow in mind and body.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All  Amen

Leader
As we open this space up to all that this year brings, we open our hearts and minds too.
Lord we welcome all who enter our school. May we show your love and respect to one another!

All  Bless us, O Lord

Leader
Lord, help us to be open to the opportunities that will come our way. May Your Holy Spirit fill us with energy and joy!

All  Bless us, O Lord

Leader
We open our books and look forward to all we will learn and understand. Jesus, help each one of us to see more clearly!

All  Bless us, O Lord
Leader
We open our hands to all that we will do this year. May we use them to help one another!

All        Bless us, O Lord

Leader
We open our hearts to all that God has in store for us. May we always make room for God in our hearts!

All        Bless us, O Lord

Leader
We open our eyes to one another. May we see clearly that each one of us is special and loved completely by God!

All        Bless us, O Lord

**Together let us say the prayer Jesus taught us: Our Father**

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Thought for the day

“Your mind is a garden
Your thoughts are the seeds
You can grow flowers
Or you can grow weeds”

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