

Things to do while you wait...

- Write your child a letter on the star paper provided in your child's folder.
- Use a Chromebook or your cell phone to:
 - Check out our website at: <http://staffordstars.weebly.com/>
 - Follow links from there to:
 - Raz-Kids and IXL
 - Blog
 - Mystery Reader and Volunteer sign-ups
 - Add thinking to Padlet at bottom of homepage
- Check out 1st grade report card in the folder provided
- Sign up for REMIND online or on your phone



Welcome to our class!
Home of the Stafford Stars

Mrs. Stafford
First Grade
Room A7







All About Mrs. Stafford

- Grew up in Plymouth, MI
- Attended Michigan State University for undergraduate and graduate degrees
- This is my 14th year teaching 1st grade here at Sayre Elementary
- I have twins named Rosie and Mitchell who are almost 4 years old
- We live in Brighton in an old farmhouse
- Just for fun:
 - Camping
 - Gardening
 - Sewing
 - Cooking
 - Reading
 - Home Renovations
 - Chicken Raising :)



Sayre Mission Statement

The Sayre community will provide a learning environment where staff, students, and parents work together to motivate the highest achievement for every child. We are committed to fostering respect and acceptance, encouraging creativity, promoting critical thinking, and developing life-long learners.



V.I.P.'s



Mrs. Herbstreit
Principal



Mrs. Path, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Stafford,
Mrs. Millward & Ms. Donovan
1st grade teachers



Mrs. Loewer
Reading Specialist

Classroom Environment



Habits of Mind

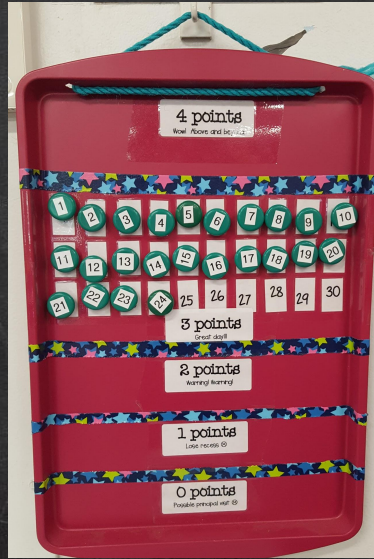
1st grade areas of focus:

- Managing impulsivity - Take your time! Think before you act.
- Persisting - Stick to it and don't give up!
- Metacognition - Thinking about your thinking. Be aware of your own thoughts and feelings.
- Applying Past Knowledge - Use what you learn and what you already know.

Class Environment

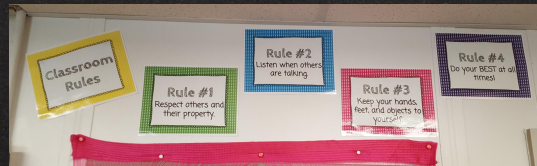
Positive Reinforcement & Consequences

- Rules compiled together and posted
- Number system
- Behavior Calendar communication
- Class Dojo
- Some students may be more successful with a daily behavior management note sent home.



Building an Organized and Energetic Community

- Attention grabbers (songs, chimes, cheers, chants)
- Go Noodle - for brain breaks
- Responding to questions and sharing thinking with movement
- Rotating seat spots throughout the day



Academics



Workshop Model

1. Learning Goal stated (posted on wall)
2. Mini Lesson
3. Large Group Activity (Example: Silent Reading or Math Workshop)
4. Review of learning

First Grade Reading Goal

All students will read at an independent level 18 by the end of first grade.

Away bounds my tiger.
He comes back, grinning.
He has cleaned the bathroom
with my T-shirt.

"What will I do with you,
you sloppy tiger?" I say.
"Now you'll have to wash
my T-shirt."



Stages of Writing

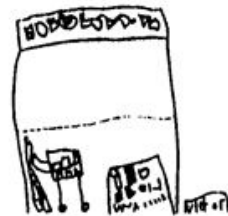
RANDOM LETTER

A random assortment of letters is often supplemented by an illustration.

Translation:

My mom took us to the store to get some tomato juice.

FSUOR P t k n c b l y a h o z o .
M B P e u t H h y i l e w h i g a s .
I h n l r .
I h n t o d e l w i .



CONSONANTS

One letter, usually the first or last one heard, is used to represent the word.

Translation:

I went out in a boat and caught a fish this big.

I w t n a b
k a r s b



INITIAL, MEDIAL, AND FINAL CONSONANTS

The first, middle, and last sounds are represented.

Translation:

The next day some more flowers grew.

The ns De
Sm Mr FLos
gro

VOWEL/CONSONANT COMBINATIONS

Consonants and vowels start to appear in the middle of words.

Translation:

Me and my best friend [went] sledding downhill with my friend's dad. His [dad] made a jump for us.

Me an m bes frd
Sleddn dn hill w m
frns dad. His
Mad a mp for s.

WORDS

All syllables in the words are represented.

Translation:

*Chris,
You were sleeping. You woke up when everybody left. You are clumsy. You were snoring. Zzzz.*

Chris
You are sleeping
You Wook
up wen
evriey Buty
left:

You are
clumzy
You were
snoring.
honshe.w



Mathematics

- Patterns
- Reading and writing #'s
- Counting, skip counting, counting backwards
- Adding & subtracting
- Graphing
- Tally marks
- Word problems
- Sorting
- Greater than and less than
- Measurement
- Time
- Money



Science

Units of Study

- Tree Homes (Earth Science)
- Solids and Liquids (Physical Science)
- Pebbles, Sand, and Silt (Earth Science)
- Weather (Earth Science)
- Life Cycle of a Butterfly (Life Science)



Social Studies

Units of Study

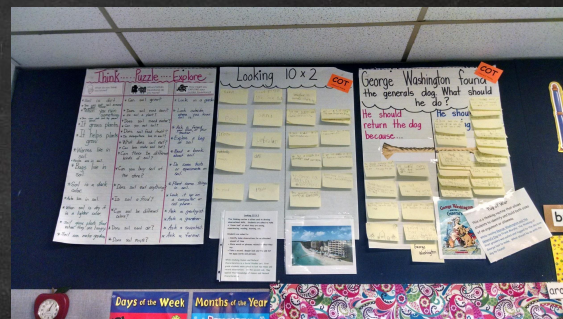
- What is a family?
- How do we get what we need or want?
- How do we learn about places?
- How do we learn about the past?
- What is a good citizen?



Making Thinking Visible

Here at Sayre our goal is to build a culture where thinking is valued, visible, and promoted.

- Culture of Thinking (COT)
- Think Time
- Opportunities to share
- Thinking Routines
- Modeling
- Language that promotes thinking
 - What makes you say that?
 - How do you know?
- Check out classroom and hallway displays!



Specials





Special Schedule



Monday	Music 12:45 - 1:20
Tuesday	Music 12:45 - 1:20
Wednesday	PE 1:20 - 1:55
Thursday	Art 8:25 - 9:15 & Library 2:10 - 2:30
Friday	PE 2:30 - 3:05



First Grade Lunch 11:35 am - 12:20pm

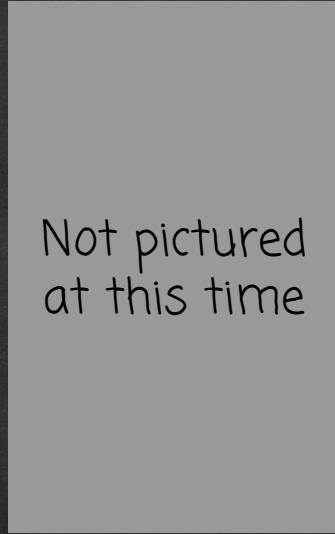
Music Informance March 23rd @ 6pm



Specials Teachers



Mrs. Gerrish &
Mrs. Gargaro
Art



Ms. Saunders
Music



Mrs. Clark
PE



Mrs. Housman
Media Monitor

Odds and Ends



Due Dates

Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Everyday Folder Due (daily)<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Bag Due<input type="checkbox"/> Wall Word Flashcards Due
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Everyday Folder Due (daily)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Everyday Folder Due (daily)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Everyday Folder Due (daily)<input type="checkbox"/> Library Books Due
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Everyday Folder Due (daily)

How can parents help?

Reading:

- Practice Wall Words
- Read, read, read!!!!
- Encourage reading strategies (bookmark)
- [Raz-Kids](#)

Writing:

- Encourage first grade spelling
- Wall Words should be spelled correctly
- Correct formation of letters
- Keep a daily writing journal at home

Math:

- Counting by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's to 120
- Counting by 10's and 100's to 500
- Proper formation of numbers
- [IXL](#)

Other:

- [Volunteering](#)
- [Mystery Reader](#)
- [Newsletters](#)
- [Blog](#)
- [Book Orders](#)
- [REMIND](#) (sign up)
- [Links](#)
- Learn about [Academics](#)
- Other [Downloads](#)

Random Reminders

- Volunteer - You MUST fill out paperwork first!
- Sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences with Sign Up Genius
- Blog, REMIND, and Twitter...OH MY!
- Just Right Book Bags are due each THURSDAY & Wall Word Flash Cards due MONDAY
- Field Trip to the Howell Nature Center - Spring 2017
- Music Informance - March 23rd @ 6pm
- Gym shoes, art shirts, winter gear - put name on everything!!!!
- Visit class website at: <http://staffordstars.weebly.com/>
- Visit class blog at: <http://staffordstars.weebly.com/blog>

THANK
YOU

For coming

