

Welcome to the Explorers' Gifted Classroom

Hello Parents,

Welcome to Gifted First Grade! We are the Explorers classroom. My name is Mrs. Carrie Kovac, and I will be your child's teacher for the 2024-25 school year. This year will be filled with many new experiences and learning opportunities.

This will be my 12th year teaching at Stix ECC, but I have been teaching children for fourteen years. I began my career teaching preschool, then kindergarten to where I am now as your child's First Grade Gifted Teacher! I recently began the steps to complete my certification in Gifted Education and completed my undergrad at University of Missouri- Saint Louis, where I studied elementary and early childhood education. I also received my Masters in Early Childhood at Webster University in 2017. In addition, I completed my certification as a Reading Specialist through UMSL in 2021. I enjoy learning and I worked to obtain a certification in SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol) over the summer, where I focused on diverse learning tactics to enhance learning for all students from different backgrounds. I am excited to create a fun, creative learning environment for the children this year.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to a successful school year! You will find our classroom logo attached to this letter. I ask that your child wear this tag during the first week of school. If your child is a bus rider, please make sure their bus card is in their book bag. You will also find a supply list of the items your child should bring on the first day of school.

I am looking forward to meeting you at the Meet the Teacher night on Thursday, August 15th, from 4:30 PM -6:30 PM.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kovac

Gifted 1st Grade



Supply List:

- **A book bag large enough to hold a folder and their math book.**
- **A plastic or soft pencil box labeled (large enough to hold markers, colored pencils, glue)**
- **1-2 packs of pencils (to be shared throughout the year)**
- **Three journals, wide-ruled**
- **Two folders to be used for in-class writing assignments**
- **Two boxes of tissues (to be shared with the classroom community)**
- **One bottle of hand sanitizer (to be shared with the classroom community)**
- **Two containers of disinfectant wipes (to be shared with the classroom community)**

Wish List:

- **Craft and art items for maker space (play-doh, feathers, beads, string, small adhesive foam letters, aluminum foil, paint, etc)**
- **Black dry erase markers**
- **Color dry erase markers**
- **Permanent markers**
- **Colorful Construction paper**
- **Sticky notes for student use**
- **Rolls of paper towels**
- **Band aids**
- **Hand soap**
- **Baby wipes**
- **Plastic sealable baggies (gallon and or sandwich)**