

**WELCOME
TO FIRST
GRADE!**

MRS. SCHIELE

A LITTLE ABOUT MYSELF...

- I have been working at St. Mary School since 2016. I previously taught preschool and kindergarten prior to teaching at SMS in the Chicagoland area.
- I graduated from the University of Dayton in 2013 in Early Childhood Education. I also ran cross country and the steeple chase in track for UD team.
- I live in Shaker Heights with my husband and two kids, Evelyn (2½) and Lucas (1). We love going on hikes and exploring the Metro Parks.



TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

- My main goal is to motivate students to do their best and to extend their own personal limitations. My classroom is a place where students feel important, respected, cared for and believed in.
- I strive to instill a love of learning and to make learning exciting and interesting. I am passionate about working with young children and building a relationship with them that will mold a sense of confidence and enable them to grow as learners, as well as, members of society.



BIG TOPICS IN FIRST GRADE

- Math (Envision Math)

- Addition and subtraction facts
- Being able to explain and model their thinking using multiple strategies
- Place Value and Number Sense

- English/Language Arts (Reading Street)

- Introduction to the writing process
- Weekly spelling and reading tests
- Building foundational phonics skills
- Exploring a variety of texts

BIG TOPICS IN FIRST GRADE CONT.

- **Religion**

- Prayers
- Saint Study (month long project in preparation of All Saints Day)
- Parts of Mass (The students hosts and conduct their own special end of the year mass)
- The Trinity (Focus on the different roles of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit)
- Sin and Forgiveness (kindness chain project)

- **Social Studies**

- Now and Then
- Traditions
- Maps
- Communities

- **Science**

- Solar energy (solar oven project)
- Basic needs of living things (plant and animal study)
- How things move
- Introduction to the Engineering Design Process



WHAT I LOVE ABOUT ST. MARY SCHOOL

“Find a job you love and you never have to work.”

- Between the staff, the students, and the families; everyone is so kind and welcoming.
- I love seeing the smiles of the students as they walk into my classroom in the morning or hear them say after a lesson “That was fun!”
- The parents are all so generous, supportive, and helpful throughout the year.



WE TRULY ARE A FAMILY!