

THE SAUGATUCK SPOTLIGHT

SES Principal's Newsletter/December 2022

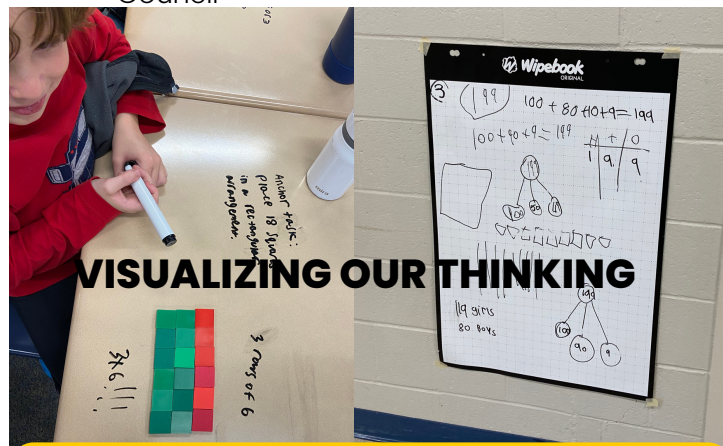
A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MESSLER

Thank you to all of our families for making time to meet with teachers during Parent-Teacher conference week. The partnership between home and school is very important in supporting a student's growth and development. Teachers were excited to share student progress to date, and we look forward to the continued learning ahead- both academic and social.

During conference week, many families took the time to share special messages of gratitude with SES staff. The PTA took those messages and created a beautiful gratitude board for staff (see below) in appreciation for our staff members' hard work and care for students. These kind words meant so much to our SES staff!

DATES TO NOTE

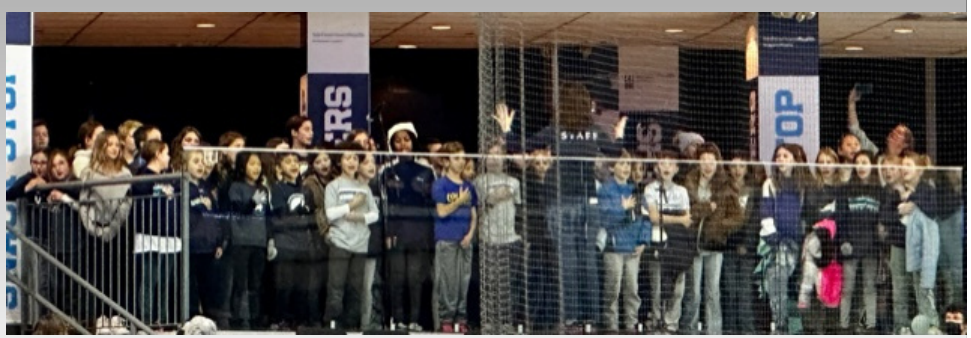
- ✓ Dec. 12: Gr. 3, 4 & 5 Students attend SHS Youth Concert @ SHS
- ✓ Dec. 15: Rise & Read for Gr. 2, 7:30-8:05am in the LMC
- ✓ Dec. 23: PJ Day, Holiday Sing-Along for Students & Staff, AND Early Release Day at 1:00pm
- ✓ Dec. 24-Jan. 2: Winter Recess- No School
- ✓ Jan. 13: Rise & Read for Gr. 3, 7:30-8:05am in the LMC AND Decades Day- a school spirit day sponsored by our Student Leadership Council



VISUALIZING OUR THINKING

Our SES students love to share their mathematical thinking in innovative ways. We've been studying the work of Peter Liljedahl, author of [Building Thinking Classrooms](#), and his ideas for promoting deep thinking in mathematics classrooms. Students are finding new and exciting ways to show their thinking as they collaborate, problem solve, and communicate their reasoning with others.





SES AT THE ISLANDERS HOCKEY GAME

It was Saugatuck Day at last Sunday's Bridgeport Islanders Game! Our SES Gr. 4 & 5 Chorus wowed fans with their "Star Spangled Banner," while SES families held the flag on the rink. Our SES fan section outdid themselves, with over 350 tickets sold. Thank you to Chorus Director, Colleen Cooney, for her inspiring work with these young singers!



QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD

Ever feel that when you ask your child how their day was, you don't get much? Asking more specific questions, that allow them to reflect on their day in positive ways, can help.

You may want to try:

- Tell me who you played with at recess and what you played?
- What did you share at Morning Meeting today? What was the greeting that you did as a class?
- Tell me something that made you feel proud today.
- Tell me something that you want to get better at in school.
- Did anything funny happen at school today?
- Who was a good friend/helper today?

REMINDERS

- If your child is being dismissed early, please pick them up from the main office by 2:45pm.
- Students should come to school dressed in layers, as temperatures can vary across the school, and they should be dressed accordingly for the weather outside
- Please send your child with a snack, and reusable water bottle, every day

