

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 2025-26 school year. This year will be filled with many new experiences and learning opportunities. Your child will participate in Problem-based Learning (PBL) activities, learn to code through DASH (Make Wonder program), Solve Problems through creation using the Design Process in our Maker Space area, use PowerPoint, and so much more!

This will be my 13th year teaching at Stix ECC, but I have been teaching children for fifteen years. I began my career teaching preschool, then kindergarten to where I am now as your child's First Grade Gifted Teacher! Last year, I began the steps to complete my certification in Gifted Education. My Gifted certification will be completed in May 2026. I obtained 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.

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. Please let me know how your child will be getting home from school each day. You will also find a supply list of the items your child can bring on the first day of school.

I am looking forward to meeting you at the Meet the Teacher night on Thursday, August 14th, from 4:30 PM -6:30 PM.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kovac

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Gifted 1st Grade



Supply List:

- **A large book bag**
- **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)**
 - **Paper towels**
 - **Black dry erase markers**

Wish List:

- **I will use Sign-Up Genius to collect supplies as needed on our special activities throughout the year.**