

FIRST GRADERS

Dear Kids and Parents,

Welcome back to school and to First Grade! My name is Mrs. Steffel, and I am very excited to meet you and to begin the new school year! We will be learning a lot this year and having a lot of fun! I am sure you had great summer and I can't wait to hear all about the amazing things you have done. But first I would like to tell you a little bit about myself.

I am from Bird Island, MN, and I have spent most of my time there. I grew up on a farm just outside of Bird Island. After high school I attended Minnesota State University, Moorhead. Afterwards I came back home to Bird Island to teach First Grade at St. Mary's Grade School. I have taught there for the last three years and loved every minute of it. I have also taught fall ECFE classes and I have been a para for the Summer Elementary Migrant Program in Bird Island. Teaching and learning really has been a passion of mine and I cannot wait to share this with all of you.

This June I recently got married. My husband's name is Sam Steffel. He is a Funeral Director and owner of Starkson & Steffel Funeral & Cremation Service in Waseca and Janesville. His position here is what has brought us to Waseca, and I am very excited to learn all about the great things there is to do here!

Some things that I like to do in my free time are exercising, read a book, go to the movies, and spend time with family and friends. Now there is much more to learn about me, but that will come with the upcoming school year.

Parents & Caregivers:

As your child's teacher I truly believe that we become a team to make learning and school fun, exciting, and something they love to come to. Please don't ever hesitate to contact me with questions or concern for your child. I am always available. Below is your child's assessment time. This meeting will help me get to know a little bit about your child and their skills before school starts. This will also help me to be able to support them in the best way possible.

Mrs. Steffel

_____ Assessment date and time is Tuesday, September 5th at _____.