



WELCOME TO 1ST GRADE





welcome

To First Grade

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# 1. SCHEDULE

Wilson and Goetz

7:45-8:15 Intervention

8:15-9:25 Reading Workshop

9:24-9:40 Recess

9:40-10:30 Reading Workshop

10:30-11:15 Writing Workshop

11:15-11:40 Lunch

11:40-12:00 Math

12:00-12:15 Recess

12:15-12:50 Math

12:50-1:40 Specials

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# 2. EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to follow Lawson's Big 3 Rules. This means they will:

**Be safe**

**Be respectful**

**Be a learner**

Students will be able to collect Lawson Tickets for demonstrating positive behavior. These tickets can be collected and used to buy special treats and privileges in the classroom. Students who do not follow the rules will receive 3 reminders. After 3 reminders, if the behavior continues, the student will receive a minor. The student will bring the minor home and must have it signed and returned the following day.

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# 3. HOMEWORK

Students will have guided reading homework each night that their group meets. Listen to your child read the book, sign the paper, and return the book and signed paper the next day.

At the end of units in math, science, and social studies, the students will have study guides to review and practice for the test the next day.

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# 4. GRADING POLICY

Rubric Level	Interpretation
<b>4</b>	Exceed Grade Level Standards
<b>3</b>	Meets Grade Level Standards
<b>2</b>	Partially Meets Grade Level Standards
<b>1</b>	Does Not Meet Grade Level Standards

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# 5. Covid Info

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Information</b>
<b>Water bottles</b>	Water bottles are necessary due to the water fountains being turned off. Students will be allowed to use the water bottle filler fountain to fill their bottles during our assigned bathroom breaks. We have scheduled bathroom breaks.
<b>Masks</b>	Although masks are not required, if your student chooses to wear one, we recommend attaching it to a lanyard to prevent any misplacement of the mask.
<b>Birthday Treats/ Snacks</b>	Birthday treats must be individually packaged. (No cupcakes) ie: bag of goldfish, little debbie snacks, etc.
<b>Disinfectant Wipes/Spray</b>	On the school supplies list, first graders are asked to bring wipes. If at all possible, please send disinfectant wipes instead of baby wipes. We would also love any disinfectant spray as well.
<b>Recess</b>	Due to the current CDC guidelines/recommendations, classes will be assigned to a zone at recess. The students will only be allowed to play with their own classmates in their assigned zone for that recess time.
<b>Breakfast/ Lunch</b>	At this time, both breakfast and lunch are planned to be eaten in the classroom. If you plan on sending a sack lunch with your child, please keep in mind they will not be allowed to leave the classroom during lunch. This also means no visitors for lunch.

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# Dismissal

## Car Riders:

- Have your hang tag ready.
- If you do not have a hang tag, they are available in the office.
- Follow the dismissal guidelines sent by Dr. Tavenner.

## Bus Riders:

- They must wear a face covering on the bus.
- They will have a QR code attached to their backpacks, that will be scanned as they get on and off the bus.





Mrs. Wilson



Mrs. Newman



Mrs. Uptergrove



Mrs. Goetz

It's going to be a great year!



# meet the TEACHER

## Get to Know Mrs. Wilson

Hi! My name is Michelle Wilson, and this is my 20th year of teaching. I spent 6 years teaching 1st grade in Paris, MO and I have been at Lawson since. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Missouri-Columbia. I received my Masters from William Woods University in Administration.

My husband, Nathan, and I were married 13 years ago on July 7, 2007 (07-07-07). And two years later, Natalie was born on September 9, 2009 (09-09-09). We enjoy going to Mizzou football and basketball games. We also travel to Kansas City to visit my sister, Paris, MO to visit Nathan's parents, Ozark, MO to visit my parents, and St. Louis to visit friends.

In my free time I am busy taking Natalie to dance and piano lessons. I also enjoy reading and taking walks.

Contact Me	Plan Time: 12:50-1:40
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Favorite Food: Tacos	Favorite Book: Knuffle Bunny
Favorite Drink: Iced Tea	Favorite Subject: Reading
Hobbis: Reading and Walks	Favorite Color: Purple



# meet the TEACHER

## Get to Know Mrs. Newman

Hello, Lawson Lions! My name is Shelley Newman. This is my 23rd year of teaching, with all of those years being at Lawson. I have taught first grade all of those years except the year I looped to 2nd grade with my students. I love teaching the primary grades and watching the kids grow and change so drastically in such a short amount of time. I am so lucky to spend my days at Lawson...it is a great place to be.

I have always lived in Jefferson City. I spent my grade school years at South Elementary School. I loved math, loved reading, and of course loved recess. I graduated from Jefferson City High School and attended Mizzou for a couple of years, majoring in accounting. This was not the fit for me! I changed directions completely and decided to pursue a degree in elementary education. My Elementary Education degree was finished at Lincoln University.

This is when my career teaching first graders at Lawson began.

I have since married and earned my Master's degree and Specialist's degree in Education Administration. We have a daughter, Elle, who is a middle schooler at TJMS. We have a couple of other kids...fur kids. Jack is a 5 year old German Shepherd and Nana is a 3 year old Golden Retriever and still very much a puppy! Our family loves to travel, play with our dogs, and swim together. I love all things Disney and am an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan.

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Favorite Food: Crab Legs	Favorite Book: Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born
Favorite Drink: Diet Cherry Coke	Favorite Subject: Math
Hobbies: Puzzles, Disney World, Walks	Favorite Color: Red

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# meet the TEACHER

## Get to Know Ms. Goetz

Hello! My name is Mrs. Goetz and I am so excited to be teaching First Grade at Lawson this year! I am originally from the Jefferson City area but have called many areas home over the years such as Springfield and Camdenton, MO so I am happy to be back in the heart of Missouri! I graduated from Evangel University in 2012 with a degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Spanish. This is my eighth year teaching and have experience working with students from pre-k to 4th grade. I have a beautiful almost 5 year old named Cecelia. We have a puppy named Princess who is one of the family and her name definitely fits her well! I have 3 brothers and two nephews that I adore! A few things I enjoy: Chocolate, Mountain Dew, playing music, reading, dancing, and learning! My life's passion is to be a positive and influential figure in the lives of children like the ones at Lawson Elementary. Seeing these young people learn and grow in life gives me more pleasure than anything else in the world. I am very excited to start this journey of learning together!

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Favorite Food: Pizza	Favorite Book: Bible
Favorite Drink: Mountain Dew	Favorite Subject: Reading
Hobbies: spending time with my daughter	Favorite Color: Pink

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# meet the TEACHER

## Get to Know Mrs. Uptergrove

Hi! My name is Jenny Uptergrove, I have been teaching since 1995. I taught third grade for 8 years, creative writing for 6 years, and I am currently teaching first grade. I love it!

At home, I am surrounded by men! I live with my husband Drew and my two sons. Their names are Charles and Sam. We like to cheer for the Chiefs football team. Sam is in the Capital City Marching Band, so we attend a lot of his competitions. My oldest son, Justin, is married (to Cheyanne) and has a son. That makes me a grandma (MiMi).

We have a dog named Sally. She thinks she's a princess.

I enjoy walking, reading, and yoga. My favorite part of the school day is writer's workshop. I love sharing my stories and I love reading first grader stories!

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Favorite Food: Pretzels	Favorite Book: Little Women
Favorite Drink: Diet Pepsi	Favorite Subject: Writing
Hobbies: Walking and Reading	Favorite Color: Blue

# classroom WISH LIST



While donating supplies are never expected or required, they are **greatly appreciated**. Thank you!

## FREQUENTLY USED SUPPLIES:

- Clorox Wipes

- Glue Sticks

- Yellow Pencils

- Hand Sanitizer

- Lysol Spray

- Quart Zip Lock Bags



# WHAT IS SWPBIS??

- ❖ SWPBIS is the practice of focusing on the 'good' as it happens instead of the 'bad' behavior choices after they happen.
  - ❖ Instead of waiting, and only responding to a student's inappropriate choice, we are proactive in encouraging their appropriate behavior choices.
  - ❖ This practice creates an environment where students are earning positive interventions for positive behavior and not just simply earning consequences for inappropriate behavior.

# POSITIVE BEHAVIOR

- ❖ The theory behind this practice (which is researched and supported by MIZZOU) states that when a student is praised for the 'good' behavior choice, it will motivate them and their peers to continue to practice positive, appropriate behaviors.
- ❖ Any adult in our building can recognize any student for their positive behavior.
  - ❖ *Example - Mr. Daryl (our day-time custodian) notices that a student picks up a piece of trash off the floor in hallway, even if the student wasn't (or was) the one who dropped the trash to begin with.*
- ❖ Positive recognition can be in the form of specific verbal praise, positive office referral or a tangible (at Lawson, we use ROAR TICKETS).
  - ❖ *Mr. Daryl may verbally acknowledge the student's kind action and/or give the student a ROAR TICKET that can be saved and turned in for a reward in that student's classroom (these vary based on the teacher and grade level).*



# POSITIVE BEHAVIOR

In addition, *Lions Club* is a group that works to promote positive character of all students at Clarence Lawson Elementary School.

*Lions Club members will participate in a quarterly activity with the principal and staff to celebrate their positive choices!*

## Qualifications:

- \*Students must have all A's, B's, or C's for the quarter.*
- \*Students must have less than 5 minors for the quarter.*  
(explained further on the following slide)

# What happens if a student makes a negative behavior choice?

- ❖ We know that students are not perfect...we as adults make mistakes, children are bound to make them (quite often at times) as they learn appropriate behavior. WHEN (not IF) this happens, a quick verbal reminder may be given to help the student get back on track.
- ❖ IF the student continues the inappropriate behavior, then at that point, a consequence is earned. Earned consequences are in the form a Minor.
- ❖ It is not uncommon for a student to have an earned a Minor every now and then, but multiple Minors in a week's time is unusual and a cause for concern.
  - ❖ It is important to remember that the earned Minor is not earned the moment a 'bad' choice is made.
  - ❖ A reminder to the student and the opportunity for that student to correct their behavior is ALWAYS the path that LAWSON takes.
  - ❖ It is when that student *chooses* to ignore the corrective opportunity that consequences begin.