



# September News

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## CLASSROOM Staff

Katie Washburn-Teacher  
Denise Phillips-Paraprofessional  
Genay Sparlin-Paraprofessional

Robyn Payne-Supervisor

Morgan Westjohn-Speech  
Jennifer Emmerich-OT  
Michelle Rauch-PT

Molly Basnett & Katie Lidy-Psychologists  
Dana Gieske-Vision  
Carla Hanks-Social Worker  
Mr. Flood & Mrs. Zink-PE

## MASKS & Absences

Due to COVID and ISBE regulations, we are required to wear masks at school and on the bus. We will go outside for frequent mask breaks. If your child is showing any symptoms of illness, please keep your child home and let me know. Those symptoms include: fever, cough, cold, vomiting, and diarrhea. We are trying to keep all students and staff as healthy as possible. Thank you for your help! We want to stay learning in school for as long as possible. If your child is going to be absent for an appointment, please have the doctor's office give you a note to excuse them for the day.

## A peek into our classroom

We have had a busy first few weeks of school! We are getting into our routines! We have had fun with mainstream classes and seeing our friends from last year. Mr. Flood and Mrs. Zink have had various activities for us in PE. We have gone outside for mask breaks. We have been taking pictures of our classroom. As the school year goes on, please go check out our class pictures on the [www.sese.org](http://www.sese.org) website. Type my name in the search bar at the top, and you will be able to see pictures and a copy of our newsletter as well. I will update these pictures soon! Keep checking them out! We have been finishing up our beginning of the year assessments. They should be finished this week. We will also be working on learning our personal identification information. Please be helping your child work on knowing these facts: birthday (including the year), address, phone number, age, doctor's name, etc. It is helpful for your child to know these facts when they become older and will be filling out forms for independence purposes. They will work on these skills through high school as well for job applications, too! We are also working on functional skills in the classroom. Sorting clothes/doing laundry, vacuuming, cleaning windows, taking out trash, dusting, washing dishes, and cleaning tables. We are also working on independently putting on clothes (looking for the back/tags) and making sure they are right side out. Please allow your child to help as much at home as possible. These are useful skills that will help them later in life to be more independent.

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Please feel free to email me or call at anytime. If we are busy learning, I will call you back or respond to emails as soon as I can. Thank you for understanding!