

# Welcome to Open House

The ESE department is excited to begin a new year. We have a wonderful team ready to work together to ensure our students have a safe and successful year. Our team members are:

Mrs. Cherry - SLP

Ms. Payton - VE K-5

Mr. McCaskill - EBD

Mrs. Gainer - Resource K-2

Ms. Tunsill - Resource 3-5

\*Please scroll through the PowerPoint to locate the open house message from your child's teacher(s).

# Ms. K. Payton

## Varying Exceptionalities K-5

- ▶ In our class, we are coloring the year awesome!!

This year we have extended our class to include students in grades K-5. Students receive instruction in all or most academic areas in the ESE classroom. All students attend special area with their grade level peers.

Another change this year is our class has three paraprofessionals

- ▶ Mrs. B. Frederick
- ▶ Ms. R. Gadson
- ▶ Miss. E. Martin

All staff members work with students helping with academics, transitions throughout campus and behavior.

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Below you will find our daily schedule. We follow this schedule as closely as possible which helps student feel comfortable with transitions throughout the day.

- ▶ Daily Schedule
- ▶ 8:00-8:30 Morning activities
- ▶ 8:30-8:45 Morning meeting/Calendar
- ▶ 8:45- 9:15 Reading Intervention / 5<sup>th</sup> grade special area
- ▶ 9:15-10:10 ELA/ Reading
- ▶ 10:10-10:30 Recess
- ▶ 10:30-10:45 Snack
- ▶ 10:45-11:25 Math
- ▶ 11:25-12:10 Grades - 3-5 Centers/ 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grades special area
- ▶ 12:15-12:45 Lunch
- ▶ 12:45-1:30 Science/ Soc. St (Whole Group) /3<sup>rd</sup> grade special area
- ▶ 1:30-2:00 Developmental play/Music and Movement
- ▶ 2:00-2:30 Social Skills (Whole Group)
- ▶ 2:30-2:45 Prep for Dismissal
- ▶ 2:45-3:15 Dismissal

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# Behavior Management

- ▶ Our class uses a color chart to give students an easy visual reminder of behavior. We limit our colors to four which helps student understand and remain motivated. Each day students will bring home their behavior chart. Parents are asked to sign their child's chart each day and encourage your child to remain on green.
- ▶ The color chart key:
  - Green- Great Day!- No/Minimal behavior issues and work completed
  - Yellow- Can Do Better Day! - 5 or more redirections and/or did not complete assignments
  - Orange- Will Make Better Choices Day! - Student needed continuous redirection to task or multiple behavior interventions throughout the day.
  - Red- Will Do Better Tomorrow Day!- Student needed a time out or was aggressive towards peers/staff.

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# Contacts

The best way to contact me is to through email.

[Paytonk@leonschools.net](mailto:Paytonk@leonschools.net)

If there is an emergency, you can reach me by contacting the school.

850-487-1216

\* If you are already set up with Remind, you can continue to contact me through the remind app. I will soon create a new remind class for this school year so new parents will be able to join. More information on the new remind class will be available soon.

If you would like to conference about your student or have any questions, feel free to contact me to arrange a date and time.

# Mrs. Jamie Cherry

## Speech Language Pathologist

- ▶ I am very happy to be here this school year. I am looking forward to working with all the students and getting to know each one.
- ▶ Your student will be receiving their speech and language services either within their classroom or in the speech room according to the services outlined on their IEP.
- ▶ Be on the lookout for emailed newsletters as I will be sending these weekly. If your email address is not listed with the school - I will be sending these home with your students. Let me know if you do not receive them.
- ▶ I am always available via email ([cherryj@leonschools.net](mailto:cherryj@leonschools.net)) or phone (850-487-1216) for any questions. Please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

# Speech and Language, cont.

- ▶ When speech and language services are provided within the classroom - I will use the classroom behavior management systems. I will also have rewards that can be earned.
- ▶ When seen in the speech room - we will use the "speechy land" game board system to encourage positive and constructive behavior. Each sessions earns a chance at the game - make it to the castle and you'll receive a treasure!
- ▶ I will have some help this school year to keep the groups running smoothly. The therapists who are joining me are: Ms. M. Young, Ms. C. Crosslin, and Mr. E. Alphonso
- ▶ I look forward to "coloring the year awesome" with the speech and language students this year!

# Jason McCaskill ESE Teacher

- ▶ Hello and Welcome to our virtual open house.
- ▶ I am pleased to serve as this year's teacher for grades 3-5.
- ▶ My goal for this year is to gain the best understanding for our group mentally and socially so that they can have the best experience at school.
- ▶ Each grade level will engage in curriculum appropriate materials that captures their attention and most definitely gives them a clear understanding of all lessons.

# Staff for 2021-2022 School Year

- ▶ Jason McCaskill, Teacher
- ▶ Antre Sanders, Behavioral Specialist
- ▶ Mrs. Schroeder, Paraprofessional
- ▶ Mrs. Martin, Paraprofessional

# Our Daily Schedule (Mccaskill)

- ▶ 8:00-8:30 Cafeteria
- ▶ 8:30-8:45 Unpack and settle
- ▶ 8:45-9:30 Special Area
- ▶ 9:30-11:00 Academic Block 1 (Math/ELA)
- ▶ 11:00-11:15 Snack
- ▶ 11:15-12:15 Academic Block 1 continued
- ▶ 12:15-12:45 Lunch
- ▶ 12:45-1:00 Recess
- ▶ 1:00-1:30 Social Skills
- ▶ 1:30-2:40 Academic Block 2 (Social Studies/Science)
- ▶ 2:40-2:50 Dismissal

# Behavior and Discipline Plan for EBD Students

- ▶ Our Behavior specialist has created a system for our students to earn points for good and bad behavior. The goal for this is to get the students to understand that behavior plays a big role in their success here at Kate Sullivan and will carry them a long way in life. Students have different events to look forward to for earning good points such as Earned Time, Fidget Time and Fun Friday. We also use an application called Classdojo which all parents should have access to. Classdojo grants points for good and bad behavior. It will allow you to see how your child is performing in class.

# Contacts

- ▶ Please feel free to contact me when needed
- ▶ My email address is [Mccaskillj@leonschools.net](mailto:Mccaskillj@leonschools.net)
- ▶ I have added most of you on Remind. If I have not please let me know so that I can add you.
- ▶ School phone is (850) 487-1216

# Ms. Tunsill

## Resource 3-5

- ▶ I am pleased to be the resource facilitator for grades 3-5 this school year.
- ▶ This year, we are implementing a push-in model, which means I provide services within the mainstream classroom rather than serving them in a separate setting.
- ▶ This model allows students to receive extra support during classroom instruction as well as individualized instruction to meet their unique goals.
- ▶ It has been a pleasure getting to know your student while supporting them in an inclusive environment. We will have an awesome year of achievement!
- ▶ I look forward to meeting each of you in person! Please feel free to reach out to me via e-mail, phone, or Remind if you have any questions or concerns.
  - ▶ E-mail: [tunsillc@leonschools.net](mailto:tunsillc@leonschools.net)
  - ▶ Phone: 850-487-1216
  - ▶ Remind: <https://www.remind.com/join/mstunsills>

# Meet Mrs. Gainer

- ▶ Hello, welcome to Kate Sullivan Elementary. I am the K-2 ESE Resource Teacher. I will be focusing on teaching your child Reading, Writing and Math in a small group setting. This year I will be going into your child's classroom to provide their ESE services (push-in model). I have been teaching for 13 years and I absolutely love what I do.





# Contact Information

- Please feel free to contact me by email or phone.
- Email: [gainerb@leonschools.net](mailto:gainerb@leonschools.net)
- Phone: 850-487-1216



# IEP Meetings

I will notify you via email, phone call, and/or send a letter home with your child to inform you that an IEP meeting is coming up due. All IEP meetings will be completed (virtually) on MS Teams. Please download the MS Teams app on your phone and/or computer so you will be prepared when it is time for your child's meeting.



# How Can You Help?

- ▶ Please continue to work with your child on their letters and numbers.
- ▶ If you discover a strategy that you use at home that works, please share that information with me so I can implement it at school.
- ▶ If your child has any medical conditions, please be sure we have that information on file.
- ▶ Please provide us with any changes to your address or phone number (s) so we can reach you in case of an emergency.

Thank you for attending Open House. I look forward to hearing from you throughout the school year. ~ Mrs. B. Gainer