

ST. MARY'S ELEMENTARY - PBIS



OCTOBER EDITION - 2020-2021

SMES Families!

St. Mary's Elementary School is feeling SHARKTASTIC about having our students and parents working together in creating a memorable 2020-2021 school year. Even though this year may look and feel different, together, as a team, we will make it the best year ever! As we shed the summer heat and prepare to enjoy the fall season, it is a great time to be thankful for our families, friends, and well-being. We each have learned how to be RESPONSIBLE and remain SAFE during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since school has started, we have made many changes along the way and will continue to make changes as we learn the best methods to deal with our new norm. Our administrators, teachers, students, and families have each done a great job working together to ensure that we are doing everything possible to provide our students with a safe learning environment where they can succeed.

We want to thank you for making sure that your child comes to school every day with their masks on and ready to learn. We would not be able to do this without your support. St. Mary's Elementary School understands that behavioral issues will happen in a school setting, so they chose to use the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) program. The program offers a proactive approach to improve school safety while promoting positive behavior strategies, and it is taught in the classroom the same as you would teach or learn any other subject such as math or reading.

October PBIS Topic is "RESPONSIBILITY"

What do you do to show responsibility?

- Being dependable and doing what you say you're going to do; keeping your promises.
- Showing reliability and consistency in your words and conduct;
- Being accountable for your own actions;
- Being committed to active involvement in your community.

Parents Corner

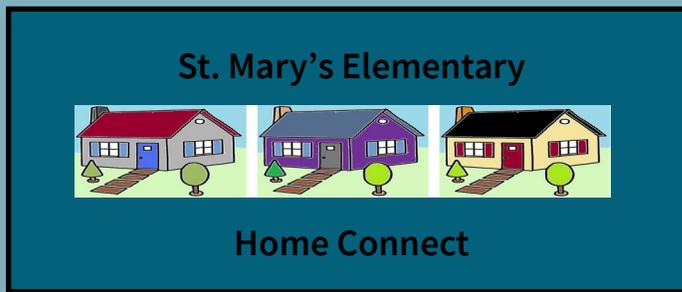
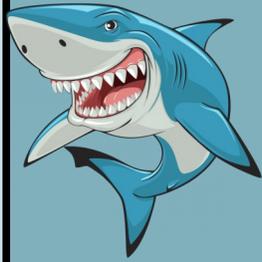
- Keep a reward chart (*this allows the child to see their progress*)



Give reward choices.

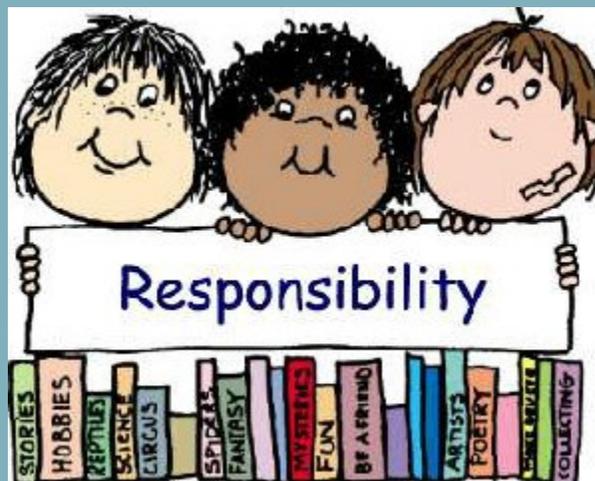
For Example:

- ⇒ Stay up late
- ⇒ A trip to the park
- ⇒ Watch a special movie
- ⇒ Play a game together
- ⇒ Go for a bike ride
- ⇒ Let them choose their favorite meal for dinner.
- ⇒ Do an art project together
- ⇒ Complete a puzzle together
- ⇒ Spend a special day together at the beach
- ⇒ Camp out in the living room
- ⇒ Create an obstacle course together
- ⇒ Play dress up if age appropriate



How can we teach children to be responsible at home?

- Set your own alarm clock to wake up in the morning rather than having your parents wake you up
- Clean your room without being asked
- Do your homework without being told
- Clean up after yourself when you make a mess
- Help take care of the pets.
- Do the dishes
- Set limits
- Praise them
- Provide routines
- Do not reward if not being responsible
- Model the task you want the child to accomplish
- Model what responsibility looks like
- Chose activities that are age appropriate
- Provide routines and structure
- Teach, set, and follow through with consequences
- Allow them the opportunity to assist you, they are learning, and they like to help





St. Mary's Elementary

Respectful

Responsible

Safe



**Parent
+
Teacher**

**Educated
Child**



St Mary's PBIS COMMITTEE

The committee meets on a regular basis to discuss the progress of PBIS, changes that need to be made, and data analysis. Data is collected based on minor and major incident/behavior reports, surveys for students and staff, and any general information that must be collected. This data and the committee, helps drive PBIS and to keep it on track with helping our students to be successful and prepared for the future!

PBIS TEAM		
K	Cobb	Vanzant-Hodge
1st	Watson	M. Thomas
2nd	Kessler	
3rd	Flaherty	Henesy
4th	Blomeley	Minnick
5th	Koch	R. Thomas
SPED	P. Martin	
Resource	Grayson	
Military	Driggers	
Counselor	Spencer	
Admin	Dr. Gay	
Admin	Dr. Narvell	

If you would like to help support our efforts in providing our students with a positive learning environment and reward systems, you may reach out to our school at (912) 882-4839. We appreciate your help in supporting our school's efforts in offering students the greatest opportunity in reaching their fullest potential. We could not do it without the support of partners just like you.

Thank you from our family here at St. Mary's Elementary to yours!