



**SHAY ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
MISSION STATEMENT**

*Academic Excellence in a Family
Atmosphere*

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U.S.A. Outstanding Elementary School



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3RD GRADE

**Ms.
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A NOTE FROM MS. KOWALSKI

My name is Lori Kowalski and I am a third grade teacher at Shay Elementary School. Having a teaching job here in Harbor Springs is especially exciting for me because I have lived here since I was four years old. I attended Shay Elementary from kindergarten through sixth grade and I graduate from our high school in 1982.

I earned my Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University where I had a dual major in Child Development and Teaching and a minor in Social Studies. My studies at Michigan State had an emphasis on working with children in preschool through third grade. Since graduating from college, I have taken many graduate courses and attended many conferences and workshops to enhance my classroom teaching.

I have taught in Harbor Springs for 18 years. I spent my first year at Shay teaching both preschool and kindergarten. After that I taught kindergarten for 5 years. I am now entering my 13th year of teaching third grade.

I have two sons, Austin and Christopher. Austin is 11 years old and will be in sixth grade this fall. Christopher is 8 year old and will be entering third grade this year. My boys and I are animal lovers so we spend a lot of time reading and talking about animals. I enjoy spending time with my family. We have fun boating, camping and traveling together.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please call my voice mail at school (526-4522) and leave a message.

3rd Grade Classroom Highlights

The 3rd grade teachers recognize that all children are in different stages of learning and have various learning styles. For this reason, many different teaching methods and materials are utilized to provide a wide range of learning experiences to challenge students. Children work cooperatively in small groups or in pairs, they work as a whole group, and they work independently.

The third grade teachers meet regularly to share ideas and to plan many exciting learning experiences. Throughout the year children in 3rd grade can expect to ... read a variety of literature~ conduct research and write reports ~write creative stories ~correctly spell grade level words~edit and publish their writing~add and subtract three digit numbers with regrouping~learn single digit multiplication~read and construct graphs~use estimation in a variety of situations~apply math skills to real life~learn the scientific method ~develop their own hypotheses~explore the properties of oceans~learn how living things interact with each other and

their environment~observe simple machines~read many types of maps~study the regions of our country ~become aware of civic responsibilities~discuss current events ~participate in a Science Fair~visit great places on field trips~ All this...and a whole lot more!

In order to have a positive learning environment where everyone can reach their highest potential, the children must have clear expectations of their responsibilities as 3rd grade students. Children are expected to do quality work at all times. They will be responsible for getting classroom work completed, turning in homework on time, and asking questions when they are unclear about directions. Children are always expected to treat others with kindness and respect. Children need to be good listeners and participate appropriately in classroom activities.