



“Children need to feel safe and loved so they can take risks when learning new things. Children learn through their senses. We need to use a variety of methods so children’s learning needs can be met.”

Laura Klotz

First Grade

Miss Klotz loves STV! She has been teaching at St. Thomas since 1985. She began her career teaching fourth grade but chose to move to first grade as her passion lies in teaching early literacy. Ms. Klotz graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Education and later received her Master’s in Leadership in Instruction. Currently Miss Klotz is the Unit Leader for the primary grades, supervises After Care, collaborates with the Early Intervention Team and assists with Gift of Love and school theatre productions.

About the Students

“Teaching first grade is always new and exciting. First graders are so enthusiastic about learning and life. They inspire me to never take the little things in life for granted. They have amazing faith and are quite the prayer warriors. They are so proud when asked to pray for someone and know that they can make a difference through simple gestures like writing a card or giving a kind word. They want to read everything from street signs, cereal boxes and any new book I add to our class library.”

“Children learn best through active participation. They help each other succeed through cooperative activities in Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies and Religion.”

On St. Thomas of Villanova

“We are a small warm environment with great class sizes. Everyone has the opportunity to participate in many activities.”

Special Units and Projects

- Citizenship
- First and Second Grade Stem
- Exploring Organizations
- Light & Sound
- Sky Watchers
- Leaders of our Country
- Animal Lifecycles
- Thanksgiving
- Seasons and Weather
- 100’s Week
- Read Across America
- Butterflies/Insect Project
- Mother’s Day Tea
- Memory Journal
- Dr. Seuss Day

Field Trips

Christmas Musical/Legoland
Morton Arboretum/Zoo/Nature Center

Projects Related to Our Faith

- Plan a month of Parish Masses
- We share things related to our baptism, attend weekly Mass and prayer services and make our own nativity scene
- Petition Bulletin Board. We pray for those in our community.
- Advent, Lent, Ordinary Time and More!

All School Activities

- Track-A-Thon • Bingo • Pep Rally • Advent Craft
- Santa Visit • Santa Sale • Gift of Love • Spirit Chains
- St. Joseph Table • Grandparents Day • Field Day
- Officer Friendly • Band Concerts • May Crowning