

## **Susan Barch, First Grade Teacher**

### **About Me**

- This is my 36<sup>th</sup> year of teaching! I graduated from University of Detroit with an Elementary Teaching certificate and from Wayne State with a Masters in Special Ed. I taught 11 years in a parochial school in Detroit, 3 years in Detroit, and this is my 22<sup>nd</sup> year at Gill. I've been married to Ken for 24 years and I have a son, Eric who is 19 and attending Kettering University.(used to be GMI) He goes to school for 12 weeks and then works his co-op job at an engineering firm for 12 weeks. I also have 2 older stepsons, Ben and Andy.

### **General Overview of 1st Grade**

We provided a packet on Curriculum night that was called "All About First Grade." If you didn't get one, please contact the school office and we'll get you one.

English and Language Arts includes:

- Reader's Workshop with 1. Guided Reading 2. Independent Reading
- Writer's Workshop with 1. Mini-lessons 2. Independent and sustained writing
- 3. Conferring with the teacher 4. Sharing in small groups and whole class

### **Math**

-Problem Solving is the focus of our Math Program called Bridges. Math skills and competencies are:

- counting skills
- numbers and numeration
- basic facts
- story problems
- algebraic thinking
- geometry
- measurement
- time
- money
- data analysis
- problem solving strategies

### **Science and Social Studies**

- Plants
- Air and Weather
- Solids and Liquids

## **Field Trips or Special Programs**

-Field trips-TBA

-Junior Great Books

-Motor Moms