

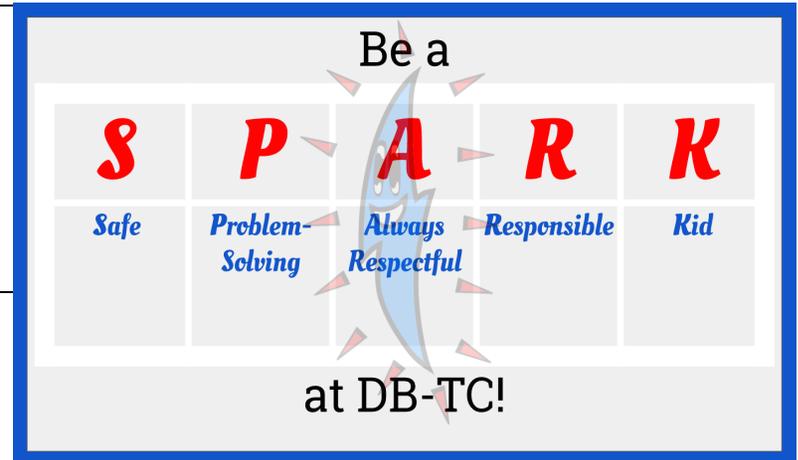
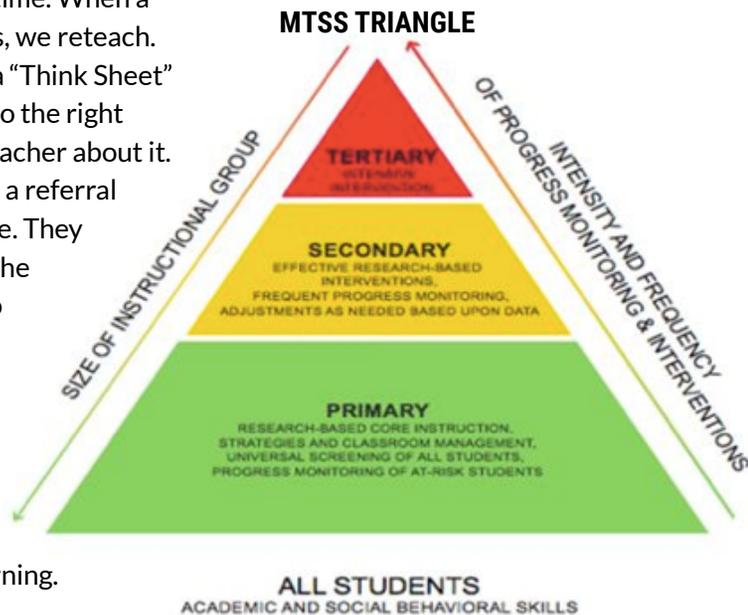
What is **SPARK**? (All about PBiS)

T.R. Davis Elementary uses the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) approach to student discipline. Our goals are to improve school climate and maximize academic achievement. We work to accomplish this goal by setting behavioral expectations in the classroom and the rest of the school. Students are encouraged through rewards and incentives and specific verbal acknowledgement (like “thank you for walking in the hallway” or “great job picking up that trash”) when they demonstrate these expected behaviors. When other kids see a friend recognized for great behavior, they do it, too. And, research shows that teaching positively shapes child behavior long-term more than any other method.

What if a student is not demonstrating appropriate, positive behaviors?
or...*What if a kid isn't being good?*

Kids are kids. And nobody is perfect all the time. When a student does not follow school expectations, we reteach. They take a time-out from the class and do a “Think Sheet” to reflect on what went wrong and how to do the right thing the next time. Then, they talk to the teacher about it. If the behavior is “major,” the teacher writes a referral and the student goes to the principal’s office. They talk with the principal, sometimes practice the appropriate behavior, a call may be made to a parent, and sometimes a plan is created to help the student make things right. If negative behavior keeps happening, a behavior support plan is created and followed (and tweaked, if needed), to support that student behaving as expected. That way, everyone can have more time learning.

The MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) Triangle helps us address kids' behavior (and academics) at the level each individual student needs.



Dear Parents,

Here is what you can do at home:

- ❖ Ask your child to tell you what SPARK stands for.
- ❖ Ask for an example of how they can show each expectation in school.
- ❖ Discuss with your child ways they can show these rules at home or in the community.
- ❖ Ask your child if they received a SPARK ticket recently & what they did to earn it.
- ❖ Remind your child each day before they leave for school to follow the SPARK expectations.
- ❖ Be sure your child comes to school on time every day.
- ❖ Keep in touch with your child's teacher.