



St. Celestine School

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Preschool – Room 109 – YEAR 2017-2018

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I graduated cum laude from Bradley University and began my teaching career at St. Celestine School and then took some time off to raise my own daughters. This is my 18th year at St. Celestine. I have taught third grade, Reading Resource, and I am happy to be with the 4 year old preschool program this year for our sixth year of all-day preschool!

Currently I live in Mt. Prospect with my husband, my two daughters and our sweet Golden Retriever, Hunny. My oldest daughter is a senior at St. Louis University in the Physical Therapy doctorate program. I will be a proud mom at her white-coat ceremony this September. My younger daughter is a sophomore at Bradley University in Peoria, IL majoring in Special Education. She spent her summer working in Iowa at an Easter Seals camp for individuals with special needs.

This summer was a quiet one. I was able to complete many home improvement projects, spent some quality time with my own mom, and had plenty of time to relax. I had a few weekends away – one to St. Louis, one to Des Moines and one to Wisconsin. A highlight of my summer came every Wednesday when I spent my day volunteering at GiGi's Playhouse during GiGi University with the adults in class that have Down's Syndrome. They are the most inspirational group of people I have ever met!

I am looking forward to all the new smiling faces joining our class this year! I love to spark interest in the little people and enjoy watching them form new friendships that will hopefully last a lifetime. I am happy to welcome all of you into the family that I call St. Celestine! It's going to be a great year!