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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 22nd 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 10th year of all-day preschool!

I am an empty-nester living in Mt. Prospect with my husband and our sweet Goldendoodle, Winnie. I have two adult daughters. My oldest, Emily, is a doctor of Physical Therapy and works in St. Louis at an inpatient rehabilitation center. My youngest, Julia, is a Special Ed teacher in a junior high classroom. Some days it feels like yesterday when I left them at preschool at St. Emily. We are active at our home parish and I am on The Parish Council there. I consider myself lucky to be part of two awesome religious communities.

This summer was a little back to normal for us. We had some work done on our house and it turned out beautiful. We took two road trips – my first trip to the northwoods and another to Effingham to vacation with our grown-up kids and we celebrated a cousin's wedding in Lake Geneva. The kids grow up but the fun remains.

I am looking forward to all the new smiling faces joining our class this year! I can still see the smiles behind those adorable masks. 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!