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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 23rd 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 11th 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. She is newly engaged and we are excited to plan her wedding for October 2023. My youngest, Julia, is a Special Ed teacher in a junior high classroom. She is starting her third year of teaching and we love swapping daily stories about our kids. 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. I consider myself lucky to be part of two awesome religious communities.

This summer we took our family vacation to Cancun to celebrate the graduations of both of my daughters two years later. We were thrilled to finally get to celebrate and Cancun did not disappoint. I also spent time reading, gardening, and playing pickleball.

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!