

I was born in Illinois, just North of Chicago. Living with my parents and my sister, I had an adventuresome childhood filled with great memories. I was very active with sports and activities. I played volleyball and that led me down to Missouri for college. I was able to genuinely find myself, deciding what path of life and what dreams I wanted to follow. I even studied and traveled throughout Spain for a summer and had the time of my life. Eventually, I knew that family was an aspect of my life that I had been missing, and family will always be very important to me. I moved north to Wisconsin to spend some time with my sister and her family and my first nephew. I didn't know how long I would stay, but the answer to that question came when I met my brother-in-law's best friend, and I fell in love. It has now been twenty years since I have been a "Wisconsinite", and I now call West De Pere my home. I live with my husband of nineteen years, Josh, and my two precious babies, Holden and Madelyn Blair, who are not "babies" anymore but still so precious. Holden will be turning eighteen this October, and he is going to be a senior at West De Pere High School this school year. Blair is fifteen, and she will be a sophomore. Together as a family, we love to enjoy our hobbies. Mine include reading to relax, exercising and playing sports to stay healthy, and traveling to explore diverse cultures. I am so thrilled for you to get to know me, but even more excited to get to know all of you.



Your child will become a part of my family. Students will explore and be involved in engaging experiences throughout the year. There are many aspects in our classroom for students to grow with higher-level thinking, reflection opportunities, and motivating collaboration. I have the philosophy of pushing each student to reach his or her individual potential. This encompasses a process of persistent work ethics and meaningful assessments. It's not about the right answer, end result, or the final grade, however it is really about the hard work and thinking, the process and growth, and your 6th grade year journey!I truly believe that the opportunities and assessments within our classroom foster an intrinsic motivation in students to improve, observe failures and successes through a growth mindset, and teach about integrity while being proud of who we are becoming. These useful life-long learning tools will carry the students, not only in their academic classes, but in real-world applications and communication facets for a lifetime. With thirteen years teaching experience, my number one goal is to work collaboratively with both my students and their parents for everyone to learn and grow together during this new milestone in the 6th graders' lives. Please feel free to connect, so I can provide you with useful information to stay connected with our classroom, and give you the support you need to help your child be a success.