

## **New Kindergarten Teacher Spotlight**



Welcome Mandy Crooks to CPS!

**Please tell us about your family and/or people you enjoy spending time with outside of school.**

After graduating from MSU in 2009, I moved to Austin, Texas where I taught a 2nd/3rd grade loop. I met my husband Adam and convinced him to move to Michigan so I could be closer to my family. We ended up in Bellaire, Michigan where I taught Kindergarten and then 2nd grade. In 2018 I had my daughter, Claire, and left teaching to stay home with her. In 2021, I had my son, Austin. I have absolutely cherished my time at home with my kids, and now that they're going into kindergarten and preschool I'm equally as excited to be returning to teaching.



**What do you like to do in your free time?**

In my free time, I enjoy reading, exploring new walking trails, traveling, and antique shopping. As a family, we love to spend time at the beach, hiking, visiting the library, and playing with our cousins and grandparents.

**Please share your favorite childhood school memory.**

I attended Charlevoix Public Schools from preschool until graduation and I have SO many fond memories. Some of my favorites are Mrs. LaBlanc's music class and Spring Musicals, Mrs. McGraw's art class (I still remember how she taught us to wash our paint brushes), and Mrs. Beatty's high school health occupations class. Charlevoix Public Schools was a fantastic place to learn and grow!

**What are two of your favorite things you are excited about as you begin your new assignment with Charlevoix Public Schools?**

I'm looking forward to meeting all my new kindergarteners and their families!