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What is one aspect of reading assistance you can offer that may not be available in the classroom setting?

One aspect of reading assistance that I can offer is specialized instruction in decoding and comprehension. To determine the optimal level of reading, I administer the Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System to those students who may need supportive services. Students are asked to read a leveled passage aloud, as I observe and code their reading behaviors. In addition, I engage students in comprehension conversation to determine their level of understanding. Once I have collected this important data, I can plan efficient and effective reading instruction, to use with small groups or individual students.

What do you like about teaching at St. Joseph Parish School that makes it special?

I love teaching at St. Joseph Parish School because everyone at this school understands what really matters in life. This is a place where kindness, intention, integrity, and positivity are honored. This is a place where how you treat others and how others treat you really does matter. This is a place where we all know and feel that we are God's children, no matter how tall or how small. This is a special place that feels like family, just a rather big and loving family! For all these reasons and countless many more is why I love teaching here at St. Joseph's Parish School.

Where are you originally from?

I was born in Milwaukee, grew up in the Village of Greendale and moved to Grafton in 1999 when I married my husband, Dennie.

What are your hobbies?

Gardening, reading, solving puzzles, and watching movies. I also love to investigate miraculous events in history, along with learning more about the Saints and Martyrs.

What is your favorite food and drink?

Popcorn, oranges, dark chocolate and roasted chicken with mashed potatoes and asparagus; iced tea and flavored vitamin water.