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What is special about working and teaching at St. Joseph Parish School?

I love working at St. Joseph Parish School because I feel there is a special family atmosphere here as everyone works together to provide a dynamic learning environment for our students. I feel our small school environment gives us opportunity to get to know the students, thus enhancing the teacher-student relationships.

Tell us about one fond memory you have from your 14 years teaching at St. Joseph Parish School.

I get to celebrate big and small accomplishments with the K4's throughout the day and school year. They get so excited about learning and make such gains all year round. I get to watch my students (current and previous) grow and am so proud of being a part of the process to get them to where they are today!

What is one of your favorite St. Joseph Parish School K4 traditions that happens each year?

There are many fun K4 traditions that happen every year, but I really enjoy the activities that involve the K4 students and their parents. I love to see how excited and proud of themselves the kids are as they sing and perform for their parents at our K4 Pie Party and the Mother's Day Tea. I also enjoy watching the parent – child team as they create and build Gingerbread Houses right before Christmas.

Where are you originally from?

I was born and raised in Whitefish Bay; my parents still live in the house I grew up in. After college I moved to Henderson, NV to teach for more than 15 years before moving back to Wisconsin to be closer to family.

What are your favorite hobbies?

I enjoy swimming, reading, walking our dogs, and traveling.

What is your favorite food and drink?

My favorite food is Kopp's Mint Chip custard and Mexican food and drink.