



Leanne Kotlarz

Preschool 4

Ms. Kotlarz is new to St. Thomas in 2018. She earned a BA in Early Childhood Education from Concordia University Chicago and was the Preschool Director for Glenbrook North High School in Northbrook, IL for seven years prior to coming to St. Thomas.

About the Students

"As a Pre-K teacher, I have the incredible opportunity to watch my students undergo an amazing transformation. The social and academic growth in preschool is unlike any other grade. Everything is new and exciting and I share in the excitement every year! I love learning through play and watching concepts click in my students' minds. Preschool is an amazing time to be a kid and I love joining my class on their journey to Kindergarten!"

On St. Thomas of Villanova

"I love teaching at St. Thomas because we provide a learning community where students thrive socially, progress academically and grow spiritually while building a strong moral character. The school community feels like a family and we celebrate the success and achievements of students and teachers alike."



"I believe the best kind of learning is done through play!"

My teaching style is a mix of play-based learning and strong academic content. In my classroom, you will see a print-rich environment with plenty of hands-on learning opportunities which support academic success while growing our faith in Jesus Christ."

Special Units and Projects

- Thanksgiving Feast
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Preschool Graduation

Field Trips (vary by year)

- Pumpkin Farm

Projects Related to Our Faith

- Weekly Bible Stories and the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas Time

In-House Guests

- Fire Department
- Library Storytime Speakers
- Musical Guests

All School Activities

- Track-A-Thon
- Pep Rally
- Advent Craft
- Santa Visit
- Santa Sale
- St. Joseph Table
- Grandparents Day