



# BRIDGETTE FENCL

## Grade 3

### **About Me:**

I earned my Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Aurora University. I started at St. Thomas in the Fall of 2022. My role as a teacher is to assist my students to reach their full potential. As the classroom teacher I model the skills we are learning, give the students a chance to do it with me, and then they get an opportunity to practice it themselves or in groups. I encourage all of my students to share their ideas with the rest of the class and always try their best.

### **Religion:**

I am blessed to be able to teach at a Catholic school. I enjoy guiding my students in broadening their religious knowledge. In third grade we use the Christ in Us curriculum to explore and help us better understand our faith.

### **Special Units & Projects:**

Third grade is a pivotal year for students. This is the year when he/she moves from "learning to read" to "reading to learn." This is also the year when students learn multiplication and division in math. Starting in third grade, the students now receive a vocabulary book to continue growing their language skills. In science we cover three units: force and interactions, weather and climate, as well as life and ecosystems. During the force and interactions unit the children do many hands on activities involving toy cars and creating their own ramps.

### **Field Trips:**

Spring Valley Nature Center / Heritage Farm in Schaumburg. They have a village setup like it would have been in the 1880s. The workers dress as if they are from that time period and show us what living was like back then.

### **About St. Thomas of Villanova School:**

I am very grateful to teach at St. Thomas of Villanova School. It is a wonderful community where they make all feel welcome and everyone is willing to help one another.