



Jessica DeFrang

It's been an honor to be a part of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade team at Bethany Elementary. I was born and raised in Palatine, a northwest suburb. After graduating in 2002 from Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois, I taught 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Thompson Elementary for three years. This is my third year at Bethany and I absolutely love my job and the age group of the kids I am working with. They bring such great joy to my life and are a constant affirmation that my heart and passion are with the intermediate ages!

In my spare time, when I have some, I am very involved with the high school youth group at my church. I enjoy running outdoors, indulging in crafty activities like stained glass or quilting, doing handy work around my house and traveling to new places I've never been before! This past summer I was able to travel to Gulf Shores, Oklahoma, Indiana, New York and Chicago. I am really looking forward to this upcoming year at Bethany as there is so much that we can learn from each other.