

The grade school welcomes a new teacher this year: Mrs. Thummel. Mrs. Thummel is teaching the Kindergarten class. We asked her to answer a few questions so that the school could get to know her. Here are the questions and responses.

Q: What is your favorite school subject to teach?

A: I have yet to find a subject that I haven't liked!

Q: What do you like to do in your freetime?

A: Anything I can do with my family, I like to do it! I also love to bake and craft. Pinterest gets me into trouble!

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: I have a dog named Trouble--and yes, the name fits!

Q: What is your greatest strength?

A: I am very creative. I like to make things more exciting whenever I can.

Q: What is your greatest weakness?

A: Not being able to say no.

Q: What do you enjoy most about working with kids?

A: I love the excitement. Most always, young kids are happy and ready to have fun. There is never a dull moment.

Q: If you could choose a different career, what would it be and why?

A: I have said since I was a little girl, that I wanted to be a famous singer. So if I could hand pick a career, I would be a singer.

Q: Do you have any heroes or people you look up to?

A: I look up to my husband. He is my rock. I also look up to my mother. She has struggled so much in the past few years with her health and she is always trying to smile through the pain for her children and grandchildren. She is very brave.

Q: Can you tell me a little about your favorite life memories?

A: When I was very little (like 3 or 4), my sister and I created a dance routine to "Born to be Wild." (remember, I wanted to be a famous singer) so we would constantly be having concerts in the living room and would sing and do our dance to that song. Other life memories, of course would be my wedding day and the day my babies were born.

Q: Were you ever involved in any sports/clubs? If so, what sports/clubs?

A: I grew up in a very small town (200 people), so you had to be involved in most things in order to have that experience. I was active in Volleyball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Band, Vocal, Forensics, All School Play, and Stucco.

Q: Have you lived in Plainville your whole life? If not, where did you live before?

A: I moved to Plainville 8 years ago. We previously lived in Hutchinson for 7 years.

Q: Who or what inspired you to be a teacher?

A: My husband and my mother encouraged me to finish my teaching education after the birth of my youngest daughter. I always knew I would work with children, so it was a perfect fit.

Q: What is your favorite joke?

A: What did the buffalo say to his son as he left for school? Bison!! Hahahha

Q: What has been your favorite teaching moment so far?

A: All of it!!!

Q: If you could describe yourself in one word, what word and why?

A: Silly

Q: Tell me about your family.

A: I am the middle child of 4 sisters and 1 brother. I have been married to my college sweetheart, Justin, since 2003. He works for the therapy dept. at the hospital. We have 3 children. My oldest, Cade, was born very early at 25wks. He fought hard for 8 days, but sadly had a very intense sepsis infection he could not fight off. Peyton is a fifth grader and Lilly is in Kindergarten.

Q: Can you tell me about three people who have impacted you the most in your life?

A: First and foremost, my son! He is my greatest blessing. My husband is the second, and of course my family.

Q: If someone were to play you in a movie, who would it be and why? What would the movie be called?

A: Salma Hayek starring in Brains and Beauty!bahahaha --told you I was silly (please don't use that ;)