

## About Me

I am looking forward to meeting you and working with your child. I would like to share a little bit about myself. This is my eleventh year teaching in Andover. I have taught in three of the four elementary buildings. I taught 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at Martin Primary North for 2 years, then I moved to Sunflower when it opened in 2000. I taught first grade for 3 years and decided to loop with my class to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. I then returned to first grade at Sunflower and had stayed in first grade until last year. I returned to Cottonwood last year to teach 2<sup>nd</sup> grade again because I had been in 1<sup>st</sup> grade for several years. I enjoy teaching both grades, but after teaching last year I realized how much I missed first graders! I was ecstatic when we had a first grade position open up due to the transitioning of teachers to new schools. I jumped at the chance to be back in first grade, my first love! I love teaching children to read and I am excited to watch your child grow and learn together with you this year!

I am very dedicated to this school district since I am an Andover alumni! I graduated from Andover High School and then attended Butler County Community College. I received my Associate of Science and then transferred to Newman University to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. I later received a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Wichita State University.

My husband, Bobby, just recently took an engineering position with Cessna. We have been married for 10 years. Our daughter, Kaylee, is 6 and will be in first grade here at Cottonwood. She is the third generation to attend not only in Andover, but in this building. Cottonwood was formerly Andover Elementary school where my dad attended. It later became Andover Middle School where I attended grades 5-8, and now it is Cottonwood where Kaylee has begun her elementary school journey. Our newest addition to the family is our son Carson who is 2 and "all boy". He definitely keeps us on our toes!

I am very excited about the school year and together I know we will have a great year! Our classroom door is always open! We have an active classroom, so if you see busy bodies up and about, don't worry, we're learning! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me. My email is [kindler@usd385.org](mailto:kindler@usd385.org). You can also reach me here at school (218-4620). Open communication is VERY important and it takes students, teachers, and parents working as a team to achieve success. I value your input, as you know your child best!