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I am Jessica Hurst. I teach First Grade general education, Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade art, and Second Grade religion/sacrament prep. I also direct the Christmas and Drama Club plays. I graduated summa cum laude from Maryville University of St. Louis in 2006 with a BA in Elementary Education, with a concentration in social studies. While there I did three practicums and a student teaching segment in the St. Louis County schools. After graduating, I taught Third Grade for two years at Holy Rosary School in Fairmont City, IL. I have been teaching First Grade at St. John's for 16 years.

In reading, students will learn to decode unfamiliar words using phonics and word patterns, develop fluent reading skills, and apply comprehension strategies while mastering basic English word patterns. In math, they will focus on basic addition and subtraction facts up to 18, understanding place value, measurement, telling time, calendar skills, number patterns, skip counting, and strategies for solving word problems, as well as recognizing geometric figures and fractions. Writing instruction will cover grammar concepts such as nouns, verbs, and adjectives, as well as constructing sentences, paragraphs, and various text types, including personal narratives, opinion pieces, informational texts, letters, and instructional how-to guides. Overall, the curriculum aims to build a strong foundation in reading, math, and writing skills.

My world revolves around my family. My parents and I travel every summer to either Florida or Branson, MO. I have one brother, a sister-in-law, two nephews, and a niece. My dog, Oreo, is my best buddy! I love to watch movies in the theater, sew cross stitch, paint, and read. I've acted in many plays and musicals throughout highschool and college and was in quite a few plays with the community theater in Waterloo. I was part of a talent agency in St. Louis, and won 4th place in my age group in an international acting competition in Las Vegas in 2008. While I don't have time to act anymore, I'm happy that I get to help children discover a love of acting through our Drama Club.

I love being at St. Johns because it is like one big family. I get to know and interact with each child from the moment they enter our school to the moment they leave and beyond. I love that I can teach children to read. It's like a magical transformation the way their abilities grow from the beginning of First Grade to the end. Most of all, I love fostering a love of God each and every day in my students.

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