



# Mrs. Julie Simons

## *Sixth Grade*

**3 years with St. Peter School**

**37 years teaching experience**



In 1982, I received my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from

Northeast Missouri State University, now known as Truman State. I earned my Master's Degree in Teaching and Learning from Hannibal LaGrange College in 2009. My very first year of teaching I was a Reading teacher at Lewis County C-1 Schools, in LaGrange, MO. After that I was a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for two years, in Ewing, MO, and then a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for a year in Loraine, IL. The next 30 years were at Baldwin Intermediate School, as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in North and then in South. I am excited to be a 6<sup>th</sup>

grade teacher for St. Peter's School and feel blessed to have the opportunity to continue to do what I love.

Teaching in a faith based setting will be a new experience for me, but one that will become second nature quickly. I have been Catholic my entire life, and have practiced my faith, but have not been able to teach it nor to talk openly about it with my students. This will be a natural extension of who I am. I have lived in Quincy my entire life, attending St. Boniface as a child and then St. Peter's as an adult. I attended Quincy Public Schools, so my siblings and I went to "catechism" classes at St. Boniface on Thursday's after-school. Being able to be a teacher at a school where I can

teach religion and continue to grow in my faith feels like a win-win opportunity to me. Teaching is extremely rewarding and it continues to amaze me. Children are extraordinary in many ways. As an educator I strive to help children see the awesome things they do and can potentially do with knowledge! True, sometimes mistakes are made, but use them as opportunities to learn and keep trying!

## *Get to know me...*

My husband, Scott, is an accountant at Sharkey Transportation. Our sons are grown and out in the world. Zachary and his wife, Kristen, live in Chicago, IL, Grant and his fiance, Zoey, live in Champaign, IL, and Dax is a senior at Illinois State

University in Normal, IL. We also have a beautiful rescue lab named Lacey.

When I'm not teaching you might find me exercising, reading a book, or spending time with family or friends.

## *My teaching style:*

My teaching style is warm and welcoming. I hope the students in my class want to come to school. I love to help children become excited about learning and to help them to do their best. Reading and Science are two of my favorite areas to generate conversations.