

My name is Ms. Moli Crouse. I teach second-grade as well as first grade Science and Kindergarten-Second grade Health. I am the Art Club sponsor for our school as well.

I attended SWIC for my Associate in Arts and then went on to SEMO to get my Bachelors of Science in Education. I had a math concentration in college and was a part of the Education Fraternity at SEMO, Kappa Delta Pi.

Before coming to St. Johns four years ago, I taught English as a second language online to schools and children in China for two years as well while I stayed at home with my daughter. Prior to that, I taught third grade at both New Baden Elementary and Central City School for four years.

Some of the major highlights of our second grade learning are plant growth and function in Science. We do this unit in the spring and each student plants their own seeds and is able to study them as they grow and develop. We also begin learning cursive handwriting after Christmas. This is always an exciting unit for the students.

Most of what we work on in second grade is the transition from the lower grades to the middle grades. We focus on test taking, reading independently, writing, and getting our basic math skills down to build a solid foundation for third grade.

This is my 8th year teaching and my fourth year at St. Johns. I recently moved to Glen Carbon, IL. I have an eight year old daughter, Ryleigh, who is in my class this year! We have two dogs, CiCi and Trinket. We live with our bonus family, Jace, Carlyle, and Jameson. In my spare time I love to read books, especially romance, fantasy, horror/thriller and I enjoy painting. I love watching football and am a huge Philadelphia Eagles fan.

I enjoy that St. Johns is not only a place I work, but a safe and educational environment for my child as well. Our teachers and staff are like family and the families here have become friends as well.

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