



¡Hola Third Grade Students, Parents, and Families!

I am ecstatic to have the opportunity to work with you and your child as we take on the third grade together this year! My name is Erin Voss and I will be your child's teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. I am so excited to get to know you and your child, and to partner with you this year; here is a little bit about me.

I attended Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion, and believe strongly in the immersion program as I have reaped its benefits. Growing up having learned Spanish has opened many doors and given me a deeper understanding, and thirst, for diversity and culture. My experiences in the immersion program have paved the way for unique opportunities in my Spanish education. I also attended the University of Salamanca, Spain for six months during my collegiate career. I took college courses, traveled around Spain, and got pretty comfortable with the Spanish "siesta" (nap 😊) where people pause for an hour or two every afternoon for lunch, family, friends, and rest! All of these experiences have helped shape me as a person, as well as a teacher.

This is my fifth year at LILA, I always knew I wanted to teach, but I never imagined I would find a job that I love so much. I graduated from the University of Minnesota in Duluth with a degree in Elementary and Middle School Education. Although I am Chicago born, I grew up in Golden Valley, Minnesota and have spent most of my life here in the good old state of winter and road construction. Now, my husband Justin and I live right here in Forest Lake. We bought our first home, a "fixer upper" in February, and we have been busy with house projects ever since! Justin will begin a new teaching journey this fall, as he will finally be able to fulfill his dream of being in the classroom. He will be teaching in the Special Education Department at North Branch High school, as well as coach football and basketball (his true passion!). When we are not teaching, we enjoy playing tennis, golfing, fishing, going to the cabin, watching football, and spending loads of time with family and friends!

As your child's teacher, I ensure that I will appreciate the unique qualities they have to offer. I will make sure that they know they are smart, capable, and a vital member of our classroom community. I will help them develop the tools they need in order to be caring friends, students, sons and daughters. I will challenge, encourage, and show compassion as I guide them to reach their academic and personal goals. I look forward to meeting you and your child at our welcome conference. Please feel encouraged to contact me with any questions or comments; I can be reached by e-mail at [evoss@mylila.org](mailto:evoss@mylila.org).

¡Hasta luego!

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