

Hello Parents,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year at Trinity Lutheran! My name is Melanie Bondy. I am excited and feel extra blessed to be teaching your child's English class.

As one of your child's teachers, I would like you to know that I will be working diligently to make English interesting and relevant to my students. I will focus on teaching terms, concepts, and understanding of English across various topics and use real-world examples. In addition, I will integrate hands-on learning with writing, reading, technology, and other fun learning avenues while reflecting on God's amazing gift of language.

A brief history of myself: First and foremost, I am a Christian. My husband and I were both raised Catholic, but became Lutherans shortly after we married. We are members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church here in Bloomington. We have a son who is twenty years old and attends Indiana University. Oh, and we have a big fluffy Goldendoodle named Bailey; she is eleven years old.

I grew up in the Detroit area and have always had a passion for teaching. Immediately after graduating college, I became a full-time teacher. I taught fifth grade for seven years in both Michigan and Illinois schools. After having my son in 2003, I stopped teaching and worked largely from home publishing a series of curriculum kits that I had created for my gifted students. For fifteen years, I was an author, publisher, editor, and trainer of teachers specializing in gifted education.

About nine years ago, we moved to the Dallas area. We enjoyed Texas very much, but in 2021 we relocated to Bloomington to be closer to our Michigan families and to our son. I decided to retire from my business after the move, but quickly discovered that retirement was a little too drastic for me. After prayer, and listening to the Holy Spirit, I answered God's call to return to teaching. I am thrilled to be using the gifts God has given me while sharing His light with young people. I will be teaching afternoons at Trinity. Along with sixth grade English, I will also be teaching sixth grade Earth Science.

Please reach out if you ever want to talk with me, have questions, or if there is any way I can help the school year run smoother. Middle school can be a lot for students to juggle. It can also be quite a bit for parents to keep up with. I am here to help as best as I can.

I look forward to knowing your child!

Sincerely,

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