

Meet the TEACHER

My name is Maggie deNeui. I have been lucky enough to be part of the Chokio-Alberta School my entire life. I was born and raised in Chokio. I attended C-A from Kindergarten to 12th grade. I graduated from C-A in 1997. I graduated from University of Minnesota Morris with a degree in Elementary Education in 2001. I received my Kindergarten license from St. Cloud State University. Right out of college I was hired at C-A as a substitute teacher and the 7-12 grade physical education/health teacher. The following year I began teaching preschool too. I continued this until I was hired as the 1st grade teacher in 2004. I have been teaching 1st grade ever since. I feel so blessed because I know I am doing what I was meant to do. I have always lived by this quote, "Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." This quote is also felt in my 1st grade classroom. I have learned though out my years of teaching that children need to be happy in order to learn. I try to create a fun learning environment in which my students feel happy and safe. Another quote that has helped me become a better teacher is, "They may forget what you said but they will not forget how you made them feel." Learning can only happen when the students know that you care about them and they trust you.

I am happily married to my high school sweetheart Lucas. We have two boys, Carter (18) and Charlie (13). My favorite pastimes are reading, watching T.V. and movies, spending time with family and friends, and napping☺