

Teacher Feature



Katy Wetter never applied for a job at Meadowbrook School, but now she says her “life revolves around it!” The fourth-grade teacher had spent two years working in a small rural school in Central Indiana when her husband got a job in the Chicago area, and they made the decision to move here. She was looking for a teaching position and got a call from Meadowbrook’s principal who had held onto her application from a different school. She came in for an interview, and 13 years later has taught every grade except kindergarten at Meadowbrook and is deeply connected to the community of Northbrook.

Mrs. Wetter is a mother of two boys, second and fourth grade, and two girls, 4 years old and 18 months. Her two sons are students at Meadowbrook. She says most of the time teaching at a school where her children are students is great, and she enjoys getting to know other families as a friend and as a teacher. She says it’s only a challenge when her older son rolls his eyes at her telling his friends to stop running in the hallway. Outside of her Meadowbrook classroom, Mrs. Wetter helps with the Cub Scouts, teaches second grade religious education at St. Norbert’s, and is working toward a master’s degree in Curriculum Policy and Advocacy at National Louis University.

While it may seem like a much different life than she experienced growing up on a 3,000-acre farm near Lebanon, IN, the super-busy pace she maintains is quite familiar to her. “You work all the time, and never have any downtime,” she said, recalling life on the farm that is still in her family and produces corn, soybeans, and wheat and is home to 300 cattle.

She stays connected to her roots by spending a lot of time outside with her family doing work around their house, going camping, and swimming at the pool. At the age of 12, she turned her days at the pool into a job. She and her two sisters started a swimming lessons business that kept her treading water for 10 hours a day. That business put her through college, and she returned to the farm in Indiana to keep up the swimming lessons for six weeks every year until this past summer when she decided to stay in Northbrook.

“The kids missed the pool and the farm, but I like being here,” she said.

Fun Facts about Katy Wetter

Lives three doors down from Meadowbrook on Walters Ave.
Hopes to someday find time to be a professor or consultant while still teaching at Meadowbrook.

Thought she would grow up to be a farm wife.

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