![C:\Users\kokojoe\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\PV5O0T8M\MC900123751[1].wmf]()

 Meet the Teacher

My name is Andrea Porte and I was born in Dallas, Texas but moved to Kent, NY when I was five years old. I have two older sisters and a younger brother. Most of my family still lives in the Rochester, NY area. When I graduated from high school I went to school at Buffalo State College to earn my undergrad degree in education. After graduating, I moved with two friends to Lakeland, FL to teach third grade. I taught third grade for six years at three different school, two of which were Title I schools. I also earned my Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Nova Southeastern University. I met my husband Michael, who is a Florida native, while living and teaching in Florida. We moved to Cleveland four years ago so he could pursue a job opportunity. Our daughter Jensen is 22 months old and we are expecting another child in October. Our dog Abbey is also considered a family member!

 I feel so blessed to be a teacher at Falls-Lenox. This community is amazing. This will be my fourth year here. My first year, I served as a long-term substitute in first grade. I also was the head coach for an amazing program for third grade girls called Girls on the Run. ☺ Two years ago, I took a permanent position in third grade. As a teacher, I strive to develop the whole child. I believe it is so important to create a classroom community that fosters collaboration, hard work, and respect among students and staff. My goal is for your child to reach his or her fullest potential and truly enjoy coming to school each day.

I am so excited to be your child’s teacher this year. I look forward to seeing your child grow and establishing a strong partnership with you.

**A few of my favorite things:**

**Color**: turquoise **Season**: summer **Place to Visit**: beaches **Food**: sushi

 **Drink**: coffee or sparkling water **Hobby**: running and working out **TV show**: Shark Tank

 **Sport to watch**: football **Sport to play**: soccer **Candy**: dark chocolate or Skittles

**Favorite book I read this summer**: Orphan Train