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Born and raised in north of France, I worked for 10 years in the public-school system in France, teaching classes from K to 5. As far as I can remember, I always wanted to be a teacher. In a class, you meet students with different backgrounds and each of them leaves a print of themselves and their culture on you. You learn from your students as much as they learn from you, you watch them grow every day and see the smiles on their face when they are able to read their first word or solve a problem. It is just priceless!

I always enjoyed looking into different school systems all around the world to bring new teaching methods, ideas, and culture to my class, to give to my students the best school experience
This lead me to take a French immersion teacher position and move to Minnesota in 2017.

For 3 years, I worked in a French immersion school and became familiar with immersion programs. It was incredible to see how students become mentally flexible, creative thinkers, sensitive to communication but also more aware and respectful of other cultures.



Before becoming a teacher, I graduated from University of Lille 1 with a Bachelor's degree in Maths and Physics. So, when I heard about a French Immersion STEAM school in the twins cities, I felt like Notre Ecole would be a great place for me to help students develop their independent thinking, problem solving skills, collaboration, language skills.... but also to share my culture, my love for French Literacy for young children and STEAM with them.

When I am not teaching, I like outdoor activities like hiking and camping, cooking and traveling with my husband Cory.