Amy Thoreson grew up in Illinois and received a BS in Early Childhood Education from Illinois State University in 2004. After working in preschool classrooms in both Illinois and the state of Washington, Amy moved to Wisconsin and received her Wisconsin State Teaching License in 2009. Since then, Amy has worked in several school districts as a substitute teacher before coming to Shorewood. In 2012, Amy began working at Lake Bluff as a senior kindergarten aide and became the Bright Beginnings teacher in the 2014-2015 school year. Amy knows that Junior Kindergarten is an important step in fostering a lifetime love of learning. Through a curriculum that encourages social-emotional growth as well as educational experiences, she knows that each student will thrive in the Junior Kindergarten program. Amy is very excited to continue her career in Shorewood at Atwater Elementary as the new Junior Kindergarten teacher.