## Michelle Klyacek - 4th/5th Grade Teacher

I am really looking forward to teaching a fourth/fifth combined class this year at North Point Elementary. I have taught ten years in second grade and seven years in fifth grade, so this is a little bit of a change for me. I strive to empower students to reach their highest potential. I graduated from B.Y.U. and earned a B.S. in Elementary Education. I later returned to B.Y.U. and earned a M.A. in Teacher Education, focusing on the Literacy Strand. My thesis focused on balancing fiction and nonfiction literature in the classroom and working with reading partners to help each other excel. I love to teach, learn, read, laugh, play pickleball, bicycle, sew, quilt, try new restaurants, travel, and play board games. When I was growing up, I competed in figure ice skating and played soccer. My husband, Ross, and I have seven children altogether. We spend a lot of time in Alaska, where our five grandsons live. We have a granddaughter coming soon and are excited to meet her. She is due the first day of school! I love to FaceTime my grandchildren for Grandmama's Book Club each month and organize a Cousin Camp each year. I believe that life is great and there is a lot that we can explore and experience together.