

## **Amy Rodelius**

My name is Amy Rodelius, I am the special education coordinator as well as the occupational therapist at Cologne Academy. This is the start of my third year at Cologne Academy, previous to this I worked for nine years in California as an occupational therapist both in the school districts, as well as in a clinic setting. How did I end up in Minnesota? Both my husband and I have family in the area, as well as in North Dakota. We also both had very fond memories of spending summers at the lake and wanted that for our own family. We look forward to making memories with our own son as he grows. My heart has always been working with children, so when I moved to Minnesota I was over joyed to be offered a position at Cologne Academy. Cologne Academy has offered me a place to continue my work with children, as well as a place for professional growth. I consider myself a lucky person to be able to get up every morning and be excited about the work I do, not everyone can say that. Since first starting with Cologne Academy I have had the pleasure of watching the school complete their final addition, add new staff and many more students. The thing that stands out for me about Cologne Academy is that even with all these wonderful changes it continues to have a culture of family. This sense of belonging and teamwork is what keeps me energized.