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OBJECTIVES

To obtain a K-5 elementary teaching position in a public school where I am able to create a classroom environment that fosters independent thinking skills, learning and growth for every student.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Education, April 2007 GPA: 3.12
Western Michigan University
Major: Elementary Group Minors Minor: Mathematics/Science, English, Integrated Arts, Early Childhood
Michigan Provisional Certificate
Elementary Education April 14, 2007 K-5 all subjects; K-8 all subjects (self contained classroom)
Associates of Arts
Kellogg Community College December 1998
Major: Associates of Arts

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Haverhill Elementary School, Portage Public Schools, Portage, MI

Title 1 Paraprofessional, September 2, 2008 – current

Working with at risk students to improve reading and math levels. I lead students in small groups using programs such as Read Naturally, Corrective reading Decoding B1 and 2, and Focus Decoding. Testing with Dibels as well as weekly progress monitoring. I also work with students one-on-one on classroom work. Have also worked with Touch math, Reading mastery, Read well, and Language for Learning

Northeastern Elementary School, Kalamazoo Public Schools, Kalamazoo, MI

Teaching 1st grade Math In Summer School, June 17 – August 4, 2008

Teaching math to 1st graders in summer school at Northeastern Elementary. I am in charge of classroom management as well as writing and teaching lessons to help prepare students for math in second grade.

Substitute Teaching Kindergarten – Sixth grade.

Kalamazoo Advantage Academy, Kalamazoo, MI April 2008 – June 2008

Kalamazoo Public Schools, Kalamazoo, MI September 2007 – June 2008

Schoolcraft Community Schools, Schoolcraft, MI December 2007 – June 2008

Marcellus Community Schools, Marcellus MI December 2007 – June 2008

Vicksburg Community Schools, Vicksburg MI December 2007 – June 2008

Portage Public Schools, Portage, MI December 2007 – June 2008

Milwood Elementary School, Kalamazoo Public Schools, Kalamazoo, MI

Substitute teaching May 9 – June 12 2007

Prepared and taught lessons to both AM and PM Kindergarteners that followed the schools curriculum. I took the students on a field trip the dairy farm, Zoo and field day. I preformed math assessments on all students as well as welcoming a new student to the class while the teacher was on leave.

Intern/Teaching January – April 2007

Prepared and taught lesson plans for 22 AM kindergarteners and 20 PM kindergarteners that followed the schools science, math, and language arts curriculum, state benchmarks and multiple intelligences. Effectively challenged students to develop higher-order thinking skills while working in a cooperative

learning environment. Maintained and organized, positive and successful learning environment by setting the expectations of the classroom along with being consistent in holding each student to them.

Central Elementary School, Portage Public Schools, Portage MI

Pre-Intern Teacher, January - April 2006

Taught as well as prepared lesson in math, science, and language arts to 19 kindergarteners, using strategies that incorporated individual needs of students as well as following the standards set forth by the state of MI. Helping students with the daily routine, worked with them in all subject areas.

Kellogg Community College, Battle Creek, MI

Cultural sensitive practicum in social work, Spring 1998

I worked with 1st graders in an urban school in Battle Creek. I was a mentor to three students working with them on self-esteem and social behavior.

Related Experience

RX Optical, Kalamazoo, Michigan

Accounts Receivable & Insurance Processing March 1999 – June 2004

Research and settle outstanding insurance claims. Enter and bill insurance claims, payment washes, and over/under. Industrial billing, matching up EOB's, and pulling insurance payments. Entering, maintaining and running daily, weekly and monthly cash flow reports. Balance sales/cash journals, Enter and print expense reports including administration payments and refunds, rejections for insurance and industrials. Backup on multi-line telephone system, Enter and maintain insurance database. Issue collection statements

Lap Support November 1998 – March 1999

Answered multi-line telephone, Data entry and general office detail, Return damaged frames to manufactures, Placing orders to an outside lab for VSP

Receptionist September 1997 – November 1998

Answer multi-line telephone, Scheduling and confirming all appointments. Pulling and filing patient files, Obtaining and confirming all patient insurance eligibility

Sunshine Semester, Farrell Pennsylvania

I taught in a summer enrichment program for "Latchkey" children. An interracial program co-sponsored by area churches and the Farrell Public School System that was aimed at improving academic achievement. During the school year the children attended as an after-school program that gave them a hot meal and a focused time to complete their homework for the following day. During the summer semester the children learned through group activities and a broad use of the arts – painting, music, and physical education

HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENT

Dean's List, College of Education 2006 Western Michigan University

Cum Laude Kellogg Community College December 199

Volunteer Portage Central Elementary Kindergarten May 2006 – June 2006

TECHNOLOGY/ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Microsoft Publisher – as well as Kid Pix, Inspiration, Taskstream, and Dreamweaver and Iweb-folio. Typing speed of 60+ words per minute. Experienced in using a 10-key calculator.

HOBBIES/INTEREST

Soccer, Snowboarding, Many craft activities, and Traveling, Coaching AYSO U6 soccer.

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Infant, Child and Adult CPR June 2007

First Aid, June 2007

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