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Objective

To enrich the lives of children through motivating, meaningful and engaging activities and quality time in the classroom.

Certification

- Michigan Elementary Provisional Teaching Certificate, June 2013
- K-5 All Subject Areas
- K-8 English as a Second Language

Education

Michigan State University, MI

College of Education, Fall 2014 – Spring 2016

Master of Arts in Education

Literacy Concentration

Michigan State University, Detroit, MI

College of Education, Fall – Spring 2013

Fifth Year Internship Program

12 Graduate Credits in Teaching and Curriculum

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

College of Education, Fall 2008-Spring 2012

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, May 2012

Spanish and TESOL (ESL) Minors

Field Experience and Internship (Student Teaching)

Priest Elementary Middle School, Detroit, MI

September 2015-present

Elementary Teacher: First Grade

- managed a class in a secure comfortable environment for students to learn to their fullest potential by establishing norms, daily routines, and expectations through a variety of classroom management techniques
- differentiated instruction in the core subjects within one lesson as well as homework for students to fully understand content at their own academic level
- integrated content goals in literacy, mathematics, science, social studies, arts, and music to maximize students' opportunities to learn as well as make the lessons more meaningful and enjoyable for students
- created a learning environment that required students to extend their learning by making connections from previous knowledge to fully understand new and more complex concepts

American International Academy, Westland, MI

September 2013-August 2015

Elementary Teacher: Kindergarten

- tailored lessons to meet students needs and strengths by including hands-on whole group, small group, partner, and individual activities
- communicated with students' parents and guardians through phone calls, parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, and individual meetings about their children and the learning in the classroom
- utilized multiple measures of assessments to monitor student progress based on the individual students' learning style
- contributed to a school wide learning community by being an active member on the School Culture and Parent Engagement Committee

Quest Charter Academy, National Heritage Academies, Taylor, MI

June 2013-August 2013

Summer Mathematics Tutor: Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade

- provided students with a variety of strategies to further students' mathematical thinking for various concepts
- facilitated class discussions to help students develop conceptual and procedural knowledge of curriculum content
- used students' responses and experiences to keep students engaged to advance students' mathematical thinking

Gompers Elementary School, Detroit Public Schools, Detroit, MI

August 2012-May 2013

Fifth Year Internship Post Graduate Teaching Internship: First Grade

- incorporated the use of technology in all content areas and provided students opportunities to use the technology to

- administered DIBELS, Star Reading, and Star Math tests to learn about students' reading and math levels to provide students chances to advance their skills through activities that are more beneficial for them

Forestview Elementary School, Lansing Public Schools, Lansing, MI

September 2011-April 2012

Pre-Internship Teaching: First Grade

January 2011-April 2011

- conducted a case study on a student who struggled in reading and provided differentiated strategies to increase the student's literacy skills
- collaborated with my mentor teacher to design and facilitate effective hands on activities in science, social studies, mathematics, and language arts for students working in small groups, as a whole class and individually in order to develop an understanding of the content

Averill Elementary School, Lansing Public Schools, Lansing, MI

January 2011-April 2011

Pre-Internship Teaching: Second and Third Grade Split

- lead various activities in small groups and individually to provide students extra support in meeting content goals and advancing their second language proficiency
- recognized different learning approaches students used in order to become more acquainted within the Spanish speaking environment as well as teaching approaches the teacher used

Clovelly Elementary School, Sydney Public Schools, Sydney, Australia

May 2009- June 2009

Pre-Internship Teaching: Kindergarten

- guided literacy stations in small groups focusing on phonemic awareness and phonics
- enlightened students' understanding of cultural diversity between the two cultures using personal experiences

Bingham Elementary School, Lansing Public Schools, Lansing, MI

September 2009-December 2009

Pre-Internship Teaching: Fourth and Third Grade

September 2008-December 2008

- created and demonstrated a mathematics educational game for "Family Math Night" with colleagues
- read with students independently to improve their reading fluency and comprehension skills

Teaching-Related Experience

Volunteer, Hartford Memorial Baptist Church Nursery, Detroit, MI

March 2007-2014

Volunteer, Language for Kids, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

January 2012-March 2012

Volunteer Tutor, Boys and Girls Club, Lansing, MI

October 2011-June 2012

Volunteer Tutor, America Reads, Forestview Elementary School, Lansing, MI

September 2010-May 2012

Volunteer, Friendship, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI

January 2010-May 2010

Professional Development

Making Great Readers, Westland, MI

August 2015

Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning Conference, A Culture of Collaboration, Detroit, MI

March 2015

Evidence Based Learning Instruction Literacy Training, Flint, MI

October 2013

Honors and Achievements

Eli Broad Urban Immersion Fellowship, Michigan State University

Summer 2012

Hispanic Studies in Valencia Spain Study Abroad, Michigan State University

Summer 2011

Tomorrow's Educators for the Advancement of Multiculturalism

Fall 2010-Spring 2012

English Literature in London Study Abroad, Michigan State University

Summer 2010

Selected Participant, MSU, University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum

April 2010

Teaching and Teacher Leadership in Australia Study Abroad, Michigan State University

Summer 2009

Dean's List, Michigan State University

Spring 2009

Urban Educators Cohort Program Member

Fall 2008 – 2010

Technology Proficiencies

MAC, PC ,Microsoft Office-Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Elmo Document Camera, Google Applications for Education, SKYPE, ZANGLE, Smart Board, Prezi, Accelerated Reader and Math, NWEA MAP, Front Row, Edpuzzle, Data Director

References

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