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EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine

August 2017 - July 2018

SB2042 Multiple Subject Credential, Preliminary, English Learner Authorization

Master of Arts in Teaching

University of California, Irvine

September 2012 - June 2016

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Social Behavior

Summa Cum Laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Kindergarten Teacher | Cypress Village Elementary School | Irvine Unified School District

August 2018 - June 2019

- Created equitable learning opportunities for students by differentiating instruction across content areas in whole and small group settings to support diverse individual needs and abilities of students.
- Actively integrated the Dovetail Toolbox program to support social-emotional learning and implemented the Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports approach to promote an optimal learning environment for all students.
- Supported readers with differentiated small-group instruction by using Elkonin boxes, real word chains, and leveled readers.
- Designed and integrated cooperative learning experiences involving rich mathematical learning tasks to support students in developing conceptual understanding and mathematical reasoning abilities.
- Supported ELL students by pre-teaching key vocabulary, using visual representations, and guiding academic language.
- Utilized formative assessments, including entrance/exit slips, quickwrites, student surveys, and observations to continuously adjust instruction in order to support students in making progress toward learning objectives.
- Collaboratively participated in grade level Professional Learning Community to plan and evaluate pedagogical practices in order to prioritize student learning by designing accessible, multimodal, and developmentally appropriate educational opportunities.

4th Grade Student Teacher | Harbor View Elementary School | Newport-Mesa Unified School District

January 2018 - June 2018

- Organized and taught Growth Mindset unit to all fourth grade students at Harbor View Elementary School.
- Integrated technology-rich lessons to engage and challenge all learners using Google Suite, Microsoft Office, Nearpod, and Kahoot.
- Actively pursued opportunities of professional development by participating in IEP and SST meetings, collaborating during weekly PLC and staff meetings, and attending parent conferences as well as fundraising events.

Kindergarten Student Teacher | Cypress Village Elementary School | Irvine Unified School District

August 2017 - December 2017

- Utilized diverse thinking maps to draw on prior knowledge and support students in organizing ideas in meaningful manners.
- Taught lessons on phonological awareness and writing conventions to promote the development of foundational literacy skills.
- Designed and taught NGSS-based science unit focused on describing patterns of what plants need to survive.

Substitute Teacher | Irvine Unified School District

September 2017 - October 2018

1st Grade Volunteer Teaching Assistant | Northwood Elementary School | Irvine Unified School District

January 2016 - May 2017

- Provided small-group as well as one-on-one instruction and support to diverse students with varied needs.

Undergraduate Instructor Assistant | University of California, Irvine

January 2016 - March 2016

- Designed and conducted discussion sessions to support undergraduate students taking a Lifespan Development course.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Research Assistant | UC Irvine Child Development Laboratory

August 2014 - December 2016

- Conducted research to measure various psychological and environmental factors influencing development of children.
- Analyzed data of physiological and verbal responses following exposure to stressors to understand impact on memory.

Child Life Volunteer | CHOC Children's Hospital

January 2014 - April 2015

- Supervised the neurology playroom, supporting children by integrating developmentally appropriate learning activities and tasks.

PROJECTS

UROP/Western Psychological Association | Researcher and Presenter

September 2014-May 2015

- Conducted research analyzing prosocial tendencies as well as emotional challenges of children in Swaziland, Africa after the death of one or more parents and presented findings at the Western Psychological Association conference.

AWARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS

UC Irvine Dean's Honors List

Winter 2013- Winter 2016

2017-2018 Dean's Scholarship Recipient

November 2017

NCTM Member | Certified Apple Teacher for Mac and iPad | Certified Microsoft Innovative Educator