Talia Lev

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Educational Game Developer

Financial Literacy Saves - New York, NY - September 2014 to February 2015

* Created and developed a financial literacy game for elementary age children from the content to the final product
* Tested the game on different groups of children and made necessary changes based on feedback

Private Teacher, English

Second Language (ESL) - Tel Aviv, IL - February 2012 to June 2014

* Educated and placed students in both one-on-one and small group settings based on behavioral, academic and social needs
* Formulated, produced and implemented a unique and creative ESL curriculum for differentiated instruction of diverse learners of varying ages
* Trained other teachers to teach using my curriculum and collaborated on best practices
* Evaluated progress by creating assorted assessment tools that involved students in the tracking process
* Enabled students to achieve dramatic improvement in test scores as well as confidence in their spoken English skills
* Maintained strong and reputable relationships with parents by providing feedback and encouraging parental involvement

Head Teacher

English After School Program - Tel Aviv, IL - September 2011 to June 2012

* Managed one KidsCool site while teaching and providing supervision to an assistant teacher and 5 specialty teachers
* Planned and created multi-topic games and innovative lesson plans to align the program's values and mission
* Designed and implemented a fun-filled curriculum infused with art and music to be used daily and for camp programs
* Strengthened social responsibility through programs emphasizing friendship, respect and diversity
* Appraised performance through student observation and collaboration with staff and parents

English Tutor / Curriculum Manager, Grades 6 - 12

Weiss Education Center - Tel Aviv, IL - January 2011 to July 2011

* Taught English to at-risk students in an effort to maximize their potential and reduce the achievement gap
* Prepared high school students for the mandatory statewide English exam (Bagrut Exam)
* Produced adaptable ESL materials for major subjects that became a key ongoing component of the Weiss Education Center curriculum

Assistant Teacher, Gifted and Talented Class, Grade

New York, NY - September 2010 to November 2010

* Taught math using manipulatives, as well as facilitated creative writing activities, morning meetings and read-alouds
* Attended peer mediation workshops and incorporated the philosophy and method in the classroom
* Evaluated and tracked student performance in math and reading using New York State assessment tools

Student Teacher

Summer School   -   New York, NY   -   1996 to July 2010

* Educated and assessed individual students using the Great Leaps Program
* Supervised guided reading groups, follow up discussions and related worksheet assignments

Student Teacher, Special Education Self-Contained Class

Grades K   -   New York, NY   -   February 2010 to June 2010

* Created engaging lesson plans in math and reading with a particular focus on differentiation to meet the needs of diverse learning styles
* Monitored kindergarten students in a general education classroom setting, providing support for mainstream assimilation to Grade 1
* Attended and participated in Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings

EDUCATION

Masters of Science degree in Childhood Education and Special Education

Hunter College   -   New York, NY
December 2010

Bachelors of Arts degree in Painting

Hofstra University   -   Hempstead, NY
May 2007

SKILLS

Adobe Illustrator (1 year), Excel (4 years), Microsoft Word (10+ years), Adobe Photoshop (1 year)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Skills
* Fluent in Hebrew, talented in art, as well as innovative curriculum development
* Proficient in MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop
* Knowledgeable in Great Leaps, Wilson Reading System, Qualitative Reading Inventory (QRI), Everyday Mathematics, Envision Math