

**OBJECTIVE:** To obtain an elementary school teaching position where I can teach, motivate, and inspire all students to become life-long learners.

## **PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Fifth Grade Teacher, Desert Oasis Elementary School (August 2010-present)**

### **Fourth Grade Teacher, Desert Oasis Elementary School (August 2008-May 2010)**

Responsibilities, include, but are not limited to:

- Creating and implementing lessons in compliance with the Arizona Academic Standards using various instructional methods.
- Differentiating instruction to accommodate special education students, English Language Learners, and non-readers.
- Engaging parents and families through APTT (Academic Parent Teacher Team) Nights, conferences, newsletters, and a class website and blog.
- Working collaboratively with special education teachers, speech therapists, and reading specialists.
- Attending bi-weekly PLC (Professional Learning Community) meetings to analyze student data and plan interventions and enrichment.
- Attending weekly school leadership meetings as a grade level representative.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Tutor, Desert Oasis Elementary School (2008-2013)**

- Reviewed and re-taught fourth and fifth grade concepts to a group of struggling students.
- Facilitated a peer tutoring program with fifth and third grade students.

### **Summer School Teacher, Desert Oasis Elementary School (2010, 2013)**

- Reviewed and re-taught reading concepts to a group of struggling fourth grade students preparing for fifth grade.
- Planned and facilitated an enrichment class for fifth grade students.

### **Student Teacher Mentor, Desert Oasis Elementary School (2012)**

- Modeled innovative teaching practices
- Co-planned engaging lessons
- Coached using the TAP Rubric

EDUCATION	CERTIFICATION
<b>Bloomsburg University</b> B.S. in Elementary Education Major GPA: 3.9/4.0 Overall GPA: 3.50/4.0	<b>State of Arizona</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Certified Kindergarten through eighth grade</li></ul>
<b>Arizona State University</b> M. Ed. in Educational Administration and Supervision Candidate <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graduate Portfolio under development; anticipated completion July 2014</li></ul>	<b>State of Pennsylvania</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Certified Kindergarten through sixth grade</li></ul>

## **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

### **Administrative Principal Internship, Desert Oasis Elementary School (2012)**

- Observed, evaluated, and conferenced with certified employees
- Supervised IEP meetings
- Planned and facilitated Professional Learning Community meetings
- Collected, analyzed, and disseminated assessment data, with an emphasis on identifying data trends
- Organized and facilitated student data team meetings
- Organized APTT (Academic Parent Teacher Team) Meetings

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Socratic Seminars (2013)**

- Seven-hour Introductory Workshop

### **Microsoft Peer Coaching (2011)**

- Week-long comprehensive Facilitator training

### **Desert Oasis Elementary Staff Development (2008-2013)**

- Building Math Connections
- Bringing Mathematical Practices to Life
- Thinking Maps
- Professional Learning Communities
- Write from the Beginning and Beyond
- Response to Literature
- Scholastic Reading Inventory
- Developing Fluent Readers
- Cluster Grouping Model and Gifted Strategies
- Cognitive Guided Instruction

## **TECHNOLOGY SKILLS**

**Software:** Proficient with Mac, PC, and Microsoft Software.

**Interactive Whiteboard Technology:** Experienced with SmartBoard software/hardware.

**Integrating Technology:** Created and maintained a high-traffic, professional class website and blog for students, parents, and educators ([www.mrsvanegas.weebly.com](http://www.mrsvanegas.weebly.com)).

## **REFERENCES**

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