

# Kara Kaser

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## Summary

An eager, new teacher looking to stimulate learning and promoting responsibility through community resources and a positive, hands-on classroom environment.

## Philosophies

- I believe students best retain newly acquired academic skills through social and hands-on experiences.
- Positive reinforcement creates an encouraging and trusting environment for all members of the classroom.
- Incorporating the community in student learning teaches students about their surroundings and what they can do to become a responsible member of society.

## Education

### 2015 | Bachelor of Arts, Early Childhood and Elementary Education

- Arcadia University – Glenside, PA, United States
- Certified, instructional I in PreK-4 General Education
- Certified, instructional I in Special Education PreK-8

## Work Experience

### October 2015 | Present Kindergarten Teacher

West Oak Lane Charter School | 7115 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia, PA

- Implement common core aligned language arts, math, writing, science, and social studies lessons
- Maintain a positive and safe classroom climate through school wide behavior system
- Track student growth through daily grading of class work and assessments
- Implement interventions through small group instruction
- Create supplemental activities to ensure students were engaged in learning one hundred percent of the school day
- Practiced open parent communication through email, phone calls, and Remind app for cell phones
- Participated in weekly professional development with varying focuses



### **August 2015 | October 2015 Preschool Teacher (age 3)**

Apple Child Care Center | 6901 Hawthorne St., Philadelphia, PA

- Implement developmentally appropriate thematic lessons based on PA early learning standards
- Managed daily cleaning of children's materials, eating areas, and environment
- Tracked student growth through observations and documentation using Teaching Strategies Gold
- Practiced free play to allow students to learn by self exploration

### **Student Teaching Experience**

#### **Fall 2014 First Grade Student Teacher**

Glenside Elementary | Glenside, PA

#### **Spring 2015 Lower School Math Student Teacher**

Green Tree School and Services | Philadelphia, PA

### **Other Field Experiences**

- Springside Chestnut Hill Academy | Kindergarten | Chestnut Hill, PA
- Quaker School at Horsham | third grade & eighth grade | Horsham, PA
- Jenkintown Day Nursery | three year old & four year old rooms | Jenkintown, PA
- Thomas Fitzwater | second grade & fourth grade | Upper Darby, PA
- Widener Memorial School | tenth grade | Philadelphia, PA
- John B. Stetson Charter School | sixth grade ESL | Philadelphia, PA
- Elkins Park School | fifth grade after school | Elkins Park, PA

### **Other Work Experience**

#### **May 2012 | December 2014 Deli Assistant**

Whole Foods Market | Jenkintown, PA

Assist customers in retrieving items

Providing information about different types of food options

Preparing and serving made to order foods

Perform daily cleaning procedures

#### **May 2009 | May 2012 Floor Staff Employee**

Regal Entertainment Group | Philadelphia, PA

Concession stand service

Ticket salesperson

Perform daily cleaning procedures

Accommodating to customer needs

#### **June 2008 | August 2009 Camp Counselor**

Fitzpatrick Playground Day Camp | Philadelphia, PA

Organize daily camp activities

Supervise children during structured activities, free play and field trips

Communicate with parents at the beginning and ending of each day