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OBJECTIVE

Dedicated educator equipped with 4+ years of field experience seeking the opportunity to create a classroom atmosphere that is stimulating, encouraging and supportive for all students.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Certified in Early Grades Education
- ABA Trained
- Build rapport/ community easily
- Organized, self-motivated, flexible
- Experience working with all grades Pre K-6
- Enthusiast of providing hands-on learning activities
- Devoted to the Growth Mindset Theory
- Ample use of two-way communication

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY • West Chester, PA 2010-2013

Bachelor of Science, Early Grades Education

PA Teaching Certificate, Early Grades Education

- GPA: 3.825
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- Multicultural Academic Achievement Award recipient all three years

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

SAMUEL K. FAUST ELEMENTARY, Bensalem, PA 10/2016-06/2017

Interim 4th Grade Teacher

- Jumped in to classroom of 23 and implemented structure and routines
- Provided social emotional support for student with severe behavior issues
- Prepared students for PSSA testing and often supplemented curriculum where needed

RUSSELL C. STRUBLE ELEMENTARY, Bensalem, PA 01/2016-06/2016

Interim Kindergarten Teacher

- Jumped in to maintain and build classroom community and respect
- Provided social emotional support and awareness
- Taught students literacy skills, mathematical concepts, and how to be citizens

RUSSELL C. STRUBLE ELEMENTARY, Bensalem, PA 10/2015-01/2016

Learning Opportunity Aide

- Worked with grades 4-6 to support and tutor in PSSA prep
- Taught in small group setting to give second chance learning opportunities and enrichment opportunity
- Practiced literacy skills with an enrichment kindergarten group

SOURCE4TEACHERS 09/2014 – 10/2015

Substitute Teacher

- Assume responsibility of students in absence of assigned teacher; implement lesson plans
- Follow professional practices consistent with school policies
- Act in a professional manner and maintain the safety and comfort of all students

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QUARRY HILL ELEMENTARY, Yardley, PA 06/2015 – 08/2015
(BUCKS COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT) 06/2014 – 08/2014

Extended School Year (ESY) Program

Instructional Assistant

- Working to continue education and limit regression in students with Autism
- Meet IEP needs and support students to reach their IEP goals for the ESY Program

EDGEWOOD ELEMENTARY, Yardley, PA 03/2014 – 06/2014
Autistic Support Classroom: Level 3

Instructional Assistant

- Taught complex concepts to students with limited cognitive ability
- Implemented IEP needs and supported students to reach IEP goals
- Accompanied students to inclusion classrooms/settings—encouraged and supported independence, learning and peer connection

RUSSELL C. STRUBLE ELEMENTARY, Bensalem, PA 09/2013 – 12/2013

Student Teacher

- Managed classroom of 23 students during the absence of assigned teacher
- Collaborated with other staff members to plan and schedule lessons promoting learning and student engagement
- Differentiated instruction according to student ability and skill level

SABOLD ELEMENTARY, Springfield, PA 02/2013 – 05/2013

Student Teacher – Reading Practicum

- Designed reading instruction for students using the gradual release of responsibility model
- Implemented small group instruction regularly teaching comprehension skills
- Provided one-on-one/small group tutoring sessions to help children with difficult subjects

GODDARD SCHOOL • West Chester, PA 09/2012 – 5/2013

Part-Time Teacher

- Established positive relationships with students, parents, fellow teachers and school administrators
- Promoted good behaviors by using the positive reinforcement method
- Actively collaborated with colleagues to develop new classroom projects/monthly themes
- Created and maintained a safe and stimulating environment according to NAEYC standards

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CVS PHARMACY, Fairless Hills, PA 05/2011 – Present

Pharmacy Technician

- Provide friendly and efficient customer service at prescription drop-off and pick-up
- Communicate directly with doctors' offices via telephone, fax and email
- Resolve conflicts and defuse tense situations daily