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**Objective:** To maintain a student-centered classroom where critical thinking, communication, collaboration and creativity are fostered through engaging, meaningful activities that promote research, exploration and discussion.

### **Work Experience:**

**American Academy of Casablanca**, Cassablanca, Morocco, 2013-Present

**Teacher**, Grade 4

- Planned lessons for and taught all 4<sup>th</sup> grade subjects of Social Studies, Language Arts, Math, and Science.
- Led the way in Elementary by promoting 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills, Project Based Learning and collaborative planning
- Started iPad program for 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Developed student portfolios
- Migrated to an online grading software solution, Engrade, performed frequent and varied assessments to inform teaching
- Chair for Community Service
- Chair for Character Counts
- Tutored individual students 4 days a week for 1-2 hours per day

**The Orphans of Casablanca**, Casablanca, Morocco, 2013-2015

**Volunteer**

- Fed, taught, played with, labored for children

**Samaritan Village Orphanage**, Arusha, Tanzania, December, 2014

**Volunteer**

- Fed 500 children for the holidays

**Illinois District 70**, Libertyville, IL, Summers 2010- 2014

**Assistant Teacher**, Grades K-6

- Assisted children with special needs
- Assisted teachers in lesson planning, behavior management, and student pull out

**Rosy Mound Elementary**, Grand Haven, MI, January, 2013 – May, 2013

**Student Teacher**, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Co-taught and co-planned with mentor teacher

- Collaborated with staff members, attended staff meetings, grade level meetings, parent meetings, child study meetings, professional development
- Analyzed data from DIBELS and MEAP to plan effective instruction that targeted students' strengths and needs

**Camp Invention**, Libertyville, IL, Summer 2013

**Teacher**, 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Performed scientific experiments with students in a discovery center environment

**Spring Hill Camps**, Ewart, MI, Summer 2012

**Camp Counselor**

- Led a variety of activities for students at an overnight camp

**CASA (Children's After School Achievement)**, Holland, MI, 2010-2012

**Tutor**

- Tutored a single student for 2 years in Math, Science, Language Arts, and Social Studies

**Black River School**, Holland, MI, Fall 2012

**Classroom Assistant**, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Taught one indirect lesson on covalent bonds
- Assisted in laboratory exercises

**Lakewood Elementary**, Holland, MI, Fall 2012

**Classroom Assistant**, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Taught one direct lesson in math
- Worked with small groups on reading skills

**Holland West School**, Holland, MI, January, 2011 – April, 2011

**Classroom Assistant**, Kindergarten

- Read aloud to the whole class

**Glerum Elementary School**, Holland, MI, January, 2010 – April, 2010

**Classroom Assistant**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

- Worked with small groups on reading comprehension and skills

## **Education:**

**Hope College**, Holland, MI

**Bachelor of Arts**, Language Arts Composite, May 2013

## **Education Certification and Training:**

**Michigan Department of Education** Elementary Provisional Certificate, Elementary Education K-5 (K-8 self-contained) Language Arts (BX), Expires 2019

**PBL Training**, Casablanca, Morocco, September 2014

**MAP Testing and Curriculum Planning Training**, Casablanca, Morocco, September 2014

**Attended TPRS Storytelling Conference**, Lisle, IL, Summer 2014

**Certificate iPad & Page Send Technology 1** Hope College, 2013