

Megan Derry

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Certified Early Childhood Education Teacher (Grades PK-4)

Dedicated, enthusiastic, passionate, student-focused, parent-appreciated, and administrative-exemplary Elementary Educator, seeking a public school elementary teaching position. A flexible professional with outstanding ability to reach all students' levels and various learning styles through adapting, inspiring, encouraging, and using unique methods. Known for a welcoming smile, understanding heart, and true interest in each student's individuality. A creative educator who recognizes the unique role of a teacher: a leader of learning who has immense power to teach and make a positive impact on the student, the family, the community, and the future!

Professional Experience

Saint John the Baptist School, Plum Borough, Pa
Elementary Teacher, Grades 2 and 3

July 2014- Present

- Created and executed engaging lessons for math, science, social studies and spelling
- Guided sixth grade reading enrichment class, selecting books and book report ideas
- Utilized the online grading system software Option C
- Administered Terra Nova testing to third grade with a composite grade level score of 5.1
- Established a working behavior management system for the class and individuals
- Modified instruction for students with growth plans
- Communicated with families through monthly news letters
- Updated classroom learning through the use of SMART Technology
- Informed parents of children's progress throughout the year
- Tutored students, guiding students through new lessons and helping with homework
- Coordinated educational field trips for multiple grades
- Helped to arrange American Heart Association school wide fundraisers
- Stepped forward to coach third and fourth grade boys and K-2 developmental basketball

Education

Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA

May 2014

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education PreK-4

Minor in Exceptionalities; GPA 3.62; Dean's List recipient

Certification: Pennsylvania Grades PK-4

June 2014

Student Teaching

Broad Street Elementary School, Butler, Pa
Grade 3

January 2014-May 2014

- Taught students from low socioeconomic backgrounds
- Used physical activities in morning meeting to help with students attention
- Participated in after school tutoring program, helping students to complete homework
- Worked with fellow student teachers creating an event got parent involvement in students academics
- Shaped relationship with each child to better understand their way of learning
- Broadened students understanding of the world around them through travel experience
- Worked with the school to get funding through Box Tops for Education

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Employment Experience

Office of Career Education and Development, Slippery Rock, PA **January 2012 -November 2013**
Student Assistant

- Managed the office's front desk and phone as well as worked directly with students, faculty, alumni, and employers
- Communicated with students to schedule appointments and provide relevant career resources
- Demonstrated organizational skills by utilizing a variety of technology to maintain daily schedule, update College Central Network, and assist student visitors

East Suburban YMCA, Pittsburgh, PA **October 2010-June 2011**
Assistant Group Supervisor

- Provided up to 3 hours of after-school care to 30, K-5th grade students to ensure their safety and well-being until parent pick-up
- Assisted with homework, served snack, created bulletin boards, and organized group games

Campus Involvement

Study Abroad: Italy **March 2014**

- Visited the Reggio Emilia Center to learn the teaching approach inspired by Loris Malaguzzi
- Worked with students at the International School In Florence

Saturday Showcase **Fall 2013-Spring 2014**

- Presented with professors, to perspective students and parents about the Early Childhood Education program at Slippery Rock University
- Gave parents a better understanding of what to expect if choosing Slippery Rock University

National Science Teacher Association Student Chapter **Fall 2013-Spring 2014**

- Participated in club activities
- Created science lesson and experiments to correspond with children's literature
- Attended Pennsylvania's Science Teacher Association Conference in Penn State
- Presented science experiment in front of other professionals in the science education field

Responsive Classroom Workshop **Fall 2013**

- Attended a six week workshop learning how to create community in a classroom
- Worked with fellow students to learn how to integrate Morning Meeting into a classroom

Early Childhood Club **Fall 2011-Spring 2014**

- Served as Historian
- Coordinated Box-Top collection program in which \$800 was donated to elementary schools
- Maintained social media and scrapbook
- Collaborated with executive board to plan meetings and events

Relay for Life **Spring 2012-Spring 2014**

- Served as Team Captain by recruiting members and raising donations