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### **EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY**

I start each day with a compliment for my students to start the educational day on a positive note. I model and strive for my students to use grit and perseverance to better themselves as students and as people. I challenge all of my students so that they may keep reaching and moving forward in their education through differentiated instruction. I stress in my classroom that the most fulfilling work is their best work, no matter how big or small.

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHER/ HOMEBOUND INSTRUCTOR, SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT; GLENSHAW, PA – JAN. 2016- PRESENT**

At SASD, I have had the opportunity to work with all grades from K to 12<sup>th</sup>. However, I completed a couple of weeks in a third grade classroom at Rogers Primary under the supervision of Cynthia Foht. As a substitute, I am responsible for classroom management and lesson planning as needed. Through this experience I have learned how to adapt to different classrooms and school environments.

#### **ASSISTANT SWIM COACH, HOPEWELL AREA AQUA CLUB; HOPEWELL TWP, PA — SEPT. 2015- PRESENT**

At HAAC, I coach all ages from 5-18 years old. I work on stroke technique, endurance and sportsmanship. I believe being on a team is a valuable experience because it teaches children about hard work and being a part of something bigger than themselves.

#### **KINDERGARTEN TEACHER, HAPPY FACES CHILDREN'S CENTER, CRANBERRY, PA—MAY 2013- JAN.2016**

While at Happy Faces Children's Center, I have worked with children from ages 6 months to 8 years old. Through this experience, I have become very familiar with child development. In August of 2015, I was hired as the Kindergarten teacher for the 2015-2016 school year. While teaching, I had experience in creating a curriculum using the PA Common Core, small group instruction, and also behavior management.

#### **STUDENT TEACHER, O'HARA ELEMENTARY, FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, BLAWNOX, PA – JAN. 2015- APR. 2015**

At O'Hara Elementary, I completed two-8 week placements in fourth grade and kindergarten. While student teaching, I was responsible for writing lesson plans, incorporating "hands-on, minds-on" activities, and collaborating with my team members on how to make the curriculum more beneficial to the school and district.

### **EDUCATION**

Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa — B.S. in Early Childhood Education, May 2015

### **SKILLS**

Through the variety of work experiences I have had, I am flexible and am able to adapt to different work environments. Through my different field placements at Duquesne University, I express compassion for students of all backgrounds and abilities. It is my goal to share with my students that hard work is fulfilling and will come in many forms. I am reflective in that when a lesson does not go as expected. I revisit it and make it better for next time. I take critiques well and am willing to change for the betterment of my students.

### **REFERRALS**

Cynthia Foht (Principal at Rogers Primary in SASD) – (412) 492-1200

Courtney Bibbee (HAAC President)- (724) 987-2308

Roseanne Fiore/Katelyn Ziegler (Cooperating Teachers at O'Hara Elementary) –(412) 963-0333

Kathleen Williams (Owner of Happy Faces Children's Center)- (724) 776-3390