**SAMANTHA L. PITRELLI**

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**EDUCATION**

Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, Slippery Rock, PA December 2011

Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education

Cumulative GPA 3.45; Major GPA 3.8; Dean’s List 6 Semesters; PDE 430 Form Score 12

**CERTIFICATION**

Ohio State Certification: Early Childhood Education Pre-K -3; 4th-5th Grade Endorsement July 2013

Pennsylvania State Certification: Elementary Education Grades K-6 December 2011

**POSITIONS HELD**

**Nobel Learning Communities:** Kindergarten Teacher (Teacher of the Year Semi Finalist) June 2013-Current

Enchanted Care, Delaware, OH 27% Diversity

* Assessed students’ knowledge and implemented daily remedial learning experience
* Facilitated learning through carefully planned project-based learning and student-centered activities
* Executed Process Boards that showcased learning outcomes aligned with Common Core Standards
* Strengthened students' reading and comprehension skills through guided reading groups and Daily 5 centers

**KeystoneSMILES AmeriCorps Member**: Kindergarten-Second Grade January 2012- June 2013

North Side Primary School, Ellwood City, PA 24% Diversity

* Actively participated in Common Core language while realigning learning experiences
* Organized and executed service learning projects
* Participated in co-teaching methods along with parallel lessons within the mainstream classroom
* Tutored/Mentored students at risk

**PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION**

Student Teacher: Fifth Grade, Three Circulations of 18-24 students October - December 2011

George Washington Intermediate School, New Castle, PA 39% Diversity/ Emotional Support

* Differentiated methods and instructional materials to meet students’ varying needs and interests
* Employed classroom management strategies to facilitate learning
* Developed and implemented a Writer’s Workshop to enhance students’ writing skills
* Created instructional games and tools to help students build their skills in different content areas

Student Teacher: Second Grade, 22 Students August – October 2011

John F. Kennedy Elementary School, New Castle, PA 36% Diversity/ Inclusion Classroom

* Developed lesson plans that met State and National Standards
* Acknowledged a wide variety of cultural backgrounds and adapted lessons around values
* Implemented district policies to build character and hold students responsible for their own actions
* Participated in an SFA (Success For All) reading program

Junior Field Experience: First Grade, 20 Students May-June 2011

Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh Charter School, Pittsburgh, PA 100% Diversity

* Experienced and participated in methodologies to promote character building and pride in one’s culture
* Delivered small group instruction and management with multi-cultural students
* Evaluated student reading levels using DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills)
* Developed interactive lessons and centers that kept students involved and actively engaged

**RELAVANT TRAINING/SKILLS**

Certified in Adult, Child, and Infant CPR, First Aid, and AED. Completed CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) Training. Proficient in SMART Board, MS Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Photoshop, and Printshop.