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**SUMMARY**

Enthusiastic Educator with skills and experience as a Special Education Teacher, Reading Specialist and Language Arts Teacher for grades 6-12.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Special Education Certified (Pa.)

Language Arts Certified (Pa.)

Reading Specialist Certified (Pa.)

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**2009-2014 The Center for Student Learning, Levittown, PA**

Reading Specialist

Special Education Teacher

Language Arts Teacher

**Reading Specialist:**

* While working with the school’s principal, created and supported a Literacy program for the school to help students achieve more success in the classroom through Literacy Skills which also resulted in higher scores on their PSSAs.
* Researched and supported a new Language Arts program updating the entire schools’ ELA curriculum aligning with the Common Cores and Understanding By Design.
* Collaborated with the School Psychologists and other Special Education Educators to identify and meet student’s Language Arts needs.
* Performed Informal Assessments and Re-evaluations on the school’s student population.
* Communicated and coordinated with General Education Teachers to support classroom Reading and Writing lessons
* Offered or provided books for any student. (CSL does not have a library.)
* Supported the school’s staff with research and literacy tools for cross curriculum teaching
* Communicated with parents and guardians reporting on concerns and progress of their children.
* Coordinated and supervised the first School Book Fair.
* Presented Professional Workshops to peers and coordinated with the Buck County Intermediate Unit #22 to provide a continuance of professional learning on literacy.
* Reported and presented to the CSL School Board on progress of the new Literacy Program.

**Special Education Teacher**

* Managed a caseload of Special Education students which included writing Individualized Education Programs and maintaining data collection through observations and authentic student work
* Coordinated with in-class and other special educators
* Coordinated with other therapists for Spec. Ed. students
* Researched and providing a data collection system through a new curriculum for

**Language Arts Teacher**

* Responsible for teaching Pennsylvania and Common Core Language Arts Standards, while differentiating education for seventy five At-Risk Middle and High School students, some with Special Education needs, in a small classroom setting using Alternative Education methods.
* Planned and implemented differentiated lessons while also coordinating the roles of the Para-professionals in the classroom.
* Co-taught with other educators
* Wrote a quarterly school newsletter for CSL families.

**Special Training**

**Restorative Practices (3 years)**

**PIIC Coaching Seminar Series (1 year)**

**CPR**

**2006-2008 The Center for Student Learning, Levittown, PA**

**Paraprofessional**

* Provided support in different classrooms and grade levels for At-Risk Middle school students, with or without IEP learning plans.
* Coordinated with classroom teachers to help support their lesson plans and aid with in-class differentiation for all students.

**Extra Curricular Activities (2006-2014)**

* Planned and promoted after school programs such as after school tutoring.
* Worked as part of the school’s Field Day activities.
* Formed and supervised the Middle School Student Council which included charitable fund raising and school spirit activities.
* Participated as a team member in the School Strategic Planning Committee and the School Discipline Committee to help promote positive change and progress at CSL.
* Participated in Century 21 Grant forming Chess Club, Scrabble Club and Board Game Club to promote socialization skills and fun!

**1993-1994 Magic Cottage**

* Pre-K teacher in a Montessori setting working with an assistant and other educators in a set program

**1983-2006 Mother and Homemaker**

* During this period I was primarily a mother and homemaker, although I had a number of part time jobs related to education
* Offered Pre- and After School programs while also providing weekly Childcare Services for working parents.
* Planned Montessori based activities working at the Bucks County Day School and helped to guide students to aid their personal growth and support their educational progress towards First grade.
* Was Lead Trainer and Friendliness Coordinator for the May Company in Langhorne, PA
* Volunteered for the following:
  + Boy Scouts of America
  + Local Elementary school: Oliver Heckman as support for first and second grade students in Reading and Math
  + Worked with third grade teachers from Oliver Heckman Elementary School to enhance the ”Math in the Mall” trip
  + Chairwoman for fundraising for Neshaminy High School Vocal Department
  + Neshaminy Summer Stock program as a costume seamstress, five years
  + Maple Point Middle school as Costume Director, five years

**1981-1983 St. Martha’s Elementary School, Enfield, CT**

**Classroom Teacher**

* Educated Seventh and Eighth Grade students, including those with learning disabilities, in all subjects except Religion and Mathematics.

**EDUCATION**

**2009-2011 Cabrini College**

Masters of Education with a concentration as a Reading Specialist**,** Magna Cum Laude

**2008-2013 Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22**

Act 48 Professional Learning and Post Undergraduate Courses

**1977-1981 La Salle College (University)**

Bachelor of Arts (Special Education)

**PERSONAL**

* Married and mother of three honor students
* Enjoys different textile crafting, painting, beading and reading
* Loves music, traveling, gardening and photography.