

****Emily Jacobs****

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Professional Summary

Dynamic early education specialist with 5+ years of experience integrating technology into the classroom to enhance young learners' engagement and achievement. Recognized as Teacher of the Year (2021) for innovative lesson design and leadership. Experienced team lead adept at collaborating with staff and implementing new digital learning programs. Seeking to contribute passion and expertise to a forward-thinking school after a one-year personal sabbatical.

Education

****Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education****

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Graduated: May 2018

Certifications

- Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL), Early Childhood (Birth–Grade 3)
- Google Certified Educator, Level 2 (2020)
- First Aid/CPR Certified

Professional Experience

****Kindergarten Technology Teacher & Team Lead****

Springfield Elementary School, Springfield, IL

August 2018 – June 2023

- Developed and taught computer literacy and STEM-centered lessons for ages 4–7, reaching approximately 90 students annually.
- Led a grade-level team of 6 educators, providing mentorship, organizing technology integration workshops, and coordinating curriculum alignment.
- Designed interactive SMART Board lessons, dramatically increasing student participation and test scores in foundational math and reading.
- Won “Teacher of the Year” (2021) for innovative practices, inclusive classroom culture, and outstanding student outcomes.
- Pioneered after-school code club for K–2 students; club membership grew by 70% under my direction.
- Collaborated with technology coordinator to pilot new classroom management software, training faculty and providing ongoing support.
- Organized annual Family Technology Night, engaging over 200 parents and guardians in students’ digital learning.

****Sabbatical Year****

June 2023 – Present

- Took a planned personal sabbatical for family care and professional development; attended workshops on SEL, trauma-informed teaching, and AI tools for education.

Skills

- Technology Integration in Early Education
- SMART Board & Interactive Tools
- Lesson Design & Curriculum Development
- Team Leadership & Mentoring
- Coding for Early Learners (Scratch Jr, Bee-Bots)
- Classroom Management Software (ClassDojo, Seesaw)
- Parent Engagement & Communication

Awards & Honors

- Teacher of the Year, Springfield Elementary School (2021)
- Tech Innovation Grant Recipient (2022)
- PTA Appreciation Award (2020)

Professional Affiliations

- International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE), Member
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), Member

References

Available upon request.