# **JESSICA TORRES**

Speaking the Language of Children to Promote Social, Emotional, and Intellectual Development

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Well qualified for a position as:

# **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER / SUBSTITUTE TEACHER**

Devoted teacher with 11 years classroom instruction spanning all grade levels and disciplines. Maintains high standards, with uncompromising dedication to the fulfillment of quality education. Highly flexible, collaborates well with others for the advancement of student goals.

- Student Learning / Parental Involvement: Educates, builds confidence, minimizes setbacks, and fosters parental responsibility through support, positive assessment, establishment of reasonable but clear expectations, and mutual respect.
- Cultural Diversity / Special Needs Care: Possesses keen sensitivity to student needs with special attention to cultural
  diversity and the special needs population. Works collaboratively with SEIT's to execute lesson plans, teach SE classes,
  manage behavior, and foster student and parental trust and participation.
- **Technology Integration:** Facilitates learning through state-of-the-art technology including SMART Board Technology, Inspiration, Kidspiration, Lexia, Stories and More, Primary Reading, and related tools and applications.

#### **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- Whole Class / Small Group Instruction
- Creative Lesson Planning
- Whole Language Instruction
- Classroom Management
- NYS Standardized Test Preparation
- Differentiated Instruction
- Guided Reading
- Technology Integration
- Student Assessment
- MAP Testing

- Interdisciplinary Teaching
- Cooperative Instruction
- Literature Circles
- Parent-Teacher Communication
- Wilson Foundations for K-3

# PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

- NYS Permanent Teaching Certificate PreK through Grade 6 (2008)
- Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Elementary and Early Childhood Education (2008)

# **CAREER EXPERIENCE**

**SMITHTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS** • Smithtown, NY

2008-Present

Per Diem Substitute (9/2010-Present; 10/2008-6/2009)

Serve as "on-call" substitute, accepting teaching assignments delivered on previous night or morning of class. Execute lesson plans across every grade level and discipline.

#### Permanent Substitute (10/2009-5/2010)

Provided full-time classroom instruction at assigned elementary school. Additional responsibilities included assisting other teachers, tutoring / mentoring students, administering tests, and associated tasks and functions.

- Substituted for Special Education(SE) teachers in Life Skills classes and in push-in collaborative classroom settings.
- Admired by regular classroom teachers for exceptional patience and the ability to educate and relate to SE students

NEW HOPE CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL (NOW ST JAMES CHURCH AND PRESCHOOL) • Old Westbury, NY

2006-2008

#### **Teacher**

Taught a PreK class, a 3-year old class, and 2 Special Education students for this Christian day school for preschool children. Planned lessons, developed curriculum, tested and evaluated students, and related tasks. Worked collaboratively with SEIT's and parents on Special Needs care, lesson planning, and associated functions.

 Served dual role of educating SE students and managing behavior; utilized positive behavior strategies and cultivated parental participation to socialize children, avert outbursts, provide constructive play, and monitor progress.



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#### **SMITHTOWN NURSERY SCHOOL** • Smithtown, NY

2004-2005

#### **Teacher**

Taught a class of 2 ½ year olds for this non-profit, non-sectarian cooperative nursery school. Planned, developed, and executed curriculum. Supplied classroom with furnishings, books, toys, games, and related necessities.

Used own finances and initiative to transform an empty, unfunded classroom into an ideal, fully-equipped educational setting.

#### ISLANDIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS • Islandia, NY

2000-2003

### Per Diem Substitute

Taught grades K-6 via "on-call" assignment basis for this school district comprised of 3 elementary schools.

Distinguished as preferential substitute, specifically requested by most teachers.

#### **SUFFOLK COUNTY YOUTH CENTER • Jamesport, NY**

1996-1999

#### Research Analyst / Program Manager / Program Monitor

Served initially as Research Analyst for the Juvenile Justice Initiative, with increasingly responsible overlapping roles and functions. Collected data and oversaw compliance to justify state program funding and initiatives. Prepared and submitted quarterly reports to Program Manager for presentation to County Executive.

Entrusted with additional role of Program Monitor, traveling countywide to evaluate and report on quality and effectiveness of state-funded Youth programs. Subsequently granted management of County Executive's Youth program initiative.

- Granted increasingly responsible roles and functions due to superior performance and dedication to the welfare of children in need.
- Distinguished as the only person to work within 2 departments simultaneously.

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Also served as Per Diem Substitute for the Mattituck School District of Southold, NY, and as Tutor for the Greenport Central School

District of Greenport, NY.

# **EDUCATION**

Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary and Early Childhood Education (2008)

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY), BUFFALO - Buffalo, NY

Nominated, Kappa Delta Pi – The International Honor Society in Education

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (1997)

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY - Stony Brook, NY

Member, Alpha Kappa Delta – The International Sociology Honor Society







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