



EXPERIENCE

Comstock Park Public Schools- Comstock Park, MI

Kindergarten Teacher

September 2011 to Present

- ◆ Instructed all-day kindergarten students in a culturally and socio-economically diverse district, and fully taught rules and routines as a foundation for continued learning
- ◆ Displayed flexibility and creativity by using a variety of instructional and questioning techniques to create higher level thinking in students, while implementing the new common core standards
- ◆ Focused on procedures to explicitly teach phonological awareness through everyday exposure to language
- ◆ Managed and provided differentiated small-group intervention instruction by using flexible groups and Daily-5 procedures.
- ◆ Dramatically increased the percentage rate of literacy composite scores for kindergarten students by 42%

Reading & Math Intervention Specialist and Coach *Grades 3-5*

September 2010 to June 2011

- ◆ Collaborated with classroom teachers in implementing Response to Intervention and tiered instruction
- ◆ Educated elementary students with reading and math strategies using individualized lessons and activities
- ◆ Trained and proficient in AIMSweb progress monitoring and benchmarking system in both reading and math
- ◆ Coached and supported teachers in the development and implementation of the Title I Instructional Plan, and worked on the committee to make the transition from Targeted to Schoolwide

Literacy Specialist and Coach *Kindergarten*

September 2009 to June 2010

- ◆ Administered and well versed in DIBELS assessments and procedures to monitor the development of early literacy skills
- ◆ Communicated and demonstrated lessons and teaching methods to help classroom teachers have a better understanding of literacy instruction for students below benchmark
- ◆ Organized and coordinated thematic activities for Reading Month: 'Dive Into Reading' to motivate students to read
- ◆ Reviewed the responses and progress of Title I students regularly

Kindergarten Teacher

September 1999 to June 2009

- ◆ Committed to providing dynamic instruction that encourages child development in AM & PM sections of kindergarten
- ◆ Created and implemented common kindergarten assessment kits for all of grade-level to help monitor skill development throughout the year
- ◆ Volunteered to assist in the development of a scope and sequence aligned to the state standards
- ◆ Communicated effectively with parents through weekly newsletters, emails, parent bulletin board, telephone calls and conferences

EDUCATION

Michigan Professional Education Certificate Elementary K-5 all subjects, Science 6-8

April 2010- June 2015

Masters of Arts- Reading Western Michigan University

2004

Elementary Education Grand Valley State University

1999

Bachelor of Science- Biology & Art Education Western Michigan University

1997



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ Debbie Dillar **Math Work Stations** Training (2013)
- ◆ 95 % Group for **Phonological Awareness** Training: *Gay Heath* (2011-2013)
- ◆ Getting The Most Out Of **Full Day Kindergarten Conference**: *Debbie Arechiga* (2012)
- ◆ **Common Core Standards** for Writing Conference- *KISD* (2012)
- ◆ **Lucy Calkins Writer's Workshop**- *KISD* (2011)
- ◆ **AIMSweb** Progress Monitoring and Benchmarking Training (2010)
- ◆ **DIBELS**- The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills Training (2009)
- ◆ **Capturing Kids Hearts** Seminar- *KISD* (2008)
- ◆ **Teaching With The Brain In Mind**- National Education Network: *Shirley Handy* (2007)
- ◆ **Thinking Maps** A Language for Learning- *School Improvement* (2006)
- ◆ **Michigan Kindergarten Conference**-Bureau of Education & Research- *Lansing, MI* (2001 & 2004)
- ◆ Creating a **Love and Logic** School Culture Conference: *Jim Fay & Dr. Charles Fay* (2003)
- ◆ **Michigan Literacy Progress Profile** Workshop (2001)
- ◆ **Zoo Phonics** Training- *KISD* (2000)

AREAS OF PROFICIENCY

- ◆ Creative Lesson Planning
- ◆ Writer's Workshop
- ◆ Must-Do Centers
- ◆ Math Work Stations
- ◆ Microsoft Office Programs
- ◆ Visual Language / Thinking Maps
- ◆ Parent-Teacher Communication
- ◆ Technology Integration
- ◆ Love and Logic Classroom Management
- ◆ RTI / Tiered Instruction
- ◆ Zoo-Phonics Language Arts Program
- ◆ Fine Motor Activities

PERSONAL SKILLS

- ◆ Creative and resourceful when preparing and planning lessons for young children
- ◆ Self-motivated and friendly instructor who displays initiative toward helping students to learn
- ◆ Dedicated team member with strong work ethic and professional attitude
- ◆ Passionate about teaching and for the love of learning

REFERENCES

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