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OBJECTIVE To obtain a teaching position in grades K-5 that emphasizes student enrichment opportunities in literature, music appreciation, and fine art instruction.

EDUCATION **St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI**
Bachelor of Arts Degree, May, 2008
Major: Elementary Education Certification: Middle Childhood/Early Adolescence
Minor: Music Performance GPA: 4.0/4.0
Special Courses: Teaching in the Arts, Music Methods, Introduction to Conducting

STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Wrightstown Elementary School, Wrightstown, WI, November 2007 – January 2008

Student Teacher

- Provided instruction in all 1st grade subject areas including math, social studies, science, art, writing, reading, and vocabulary
- Incorporated Spanish into daily routines and classroom directions
- Individually worked with minority students to assess and improve phonics and reading abilities
- Designed and implemented art activities involving winter themes and holiday traditions in other countries
- Led numerous guided reading groups which focused on reading strategies, building vocabulary, and overall comprehension
- Designed various learning centers for students including art and cooking activities

Holy Family School, Green Bay, WI, August 2007 – November 2007

Student Teacher

- Provided instruction in Algebra (8th Grade), Pre-Algebra (7th Grade), English (6th grade), and Religion (7th Grade)
- Developed an Olympic thematic mathematics unit utilizing measurement concepts
- Lead instructor for mathematically challenged students
- Maintained classroom behavior to promote a productive learning environment
- Conducted parent-teacher conferences
- Attended additional school events including Family Orientation and Back-to-School night
- Collaborated and planned lessons with other middle school faculty

ADDITIONAL TEACHING PREPARATION

Parkview Middle School, Ashwaubenon, WI, February 2007 – April 2007

Literature Circle Instructor, Science Enrichment Coordinator

- Created and implemented weekly instruction for 8th grade literature circles
- Devised an assessment plan to document weekly progress including projects, readings, and teamwork abilities
- Designed unit with colleagues for 8th grade science enrichment project: topics included geocaching, GPS systems, map reading, coordinate systems, and geographical terrain
- Integrated technology: web blogs, GPS units, internet search engines, and walkie-talkies

St. Mark Lutheran School, Green Bay, WI, February 2007 – May 2007

After-School Reading Tutor

- Designed lessons and activities for first grade after school reading program specifically designed to meet individual student needs
- Administered Basic Reading Inventory and Phonics Assessment to identify student abilities
- Developed at-home activities for parents and students including individualized assessment reports
- Created literature activity station that was incorporated at a “Family Fun Night”

Oneida Nation Elementary School, Oneida, WI, October 2006 – December 2006

Reading Instructor

- Planned and implemented reading strategy lessons for 1st grade students of the Oneida Nation
- Administered reading level assessments to 1st grade students
- Encouraged and implemented reading strategies; including read-alouds, buddy reading, and silent reading

Jefferson Elementary School, Green Bay, WI, March 2006 – May 2006

Sophomore Block Experience

- Administered phonics assessment and developed literature enrichment activities for 1st grade students
- Developed and implemented art and science enrichment projects
- Observed IEP sessions and worked individually with special need students

College for Kids, Wausau, WI, Summers 1998 – 2007

Teacher Aide, Lead Office Assistant

- Served as a hands-on coordinator for 1st-6th grade classrooms
- Performed office management tasks (inventory control, copying, filing, etc)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- St. Norbert College Dean's List (2004 – 2008)
- Jacob's Education Award Nominee 2007
- St. Norbert College Abbot Pennings Trustee Scholarship Recipient
- St. Norbert College Music Scholarship Recipient
- Praxis II, Top 10th Percentile Honors
- Student-Faculty Development Fund Award Recipient for 2007-2008: 8th Grade Geocaching and GPS unit

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Presented lesson unit at professional development seminars for geocaching/GPS systems: GPS/GIS Workshop, Wisconsin Council for Social Studies and International Education Conference, Student Faculty Development Conference
- Member of SWEA and the NEA from 2004-2008
- Member of MENC from 2004-2006, attended state conference in Madison, WI in 2004
- Participated and developed material for the Literacy Backpack Program
- Taught on-campus music lessons to middle school students
- Developed surrealism art unit for 8th grade students which integrated social studies and psychology subject areas
- Educated and experienced Spanish conversationalist

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

- Created science-based Web Quests for student led research
- Designed various movies for educational purposes as well as for teaching documentation using the imovie program
- Programmed GPS units with directional coordinates for student learning sessions
- Created numerous websites and blogs using Adobe Go Live to document teaching experiences which included graphics, text, links, digital photographs, and attachments
- Wrote and illustrated an interactive children's book using Media Blender