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OBJECTIVE: To obtain a teaching position in an elementary or middle school, in which passion, dedication, and differentiation are key components of this child-centered classroom.

EDUCATION:

ST. NORBERT COLLEGE, De Pere, WI
Bachelor of Arts Degree, May 2010
GPA: 3.6/4.0

Major: Elementary Education
Minor: Language Arts
Teaching Certification: Middle Childhood-
Early Adolescence

STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Student Teacher, West De Pere Middle School: De Pere, WI, November 2009 – January 2010
 - Taught 6th grade Reading and Writing
 - Planned and implemented creative and engaging lessons that were tailored to the varied learning styles of middle school students
 - Used the backwards-design model to construct unit plans in which formative assessment was the basis for student learning
 - Set in place a system for behavior management that required both individual and whole-class cooperation
 - Worked collaboratively and effectively with the other sixth grade teachers to better use available resources and build a sense of community among students
 - Incorporated technology into lessons on a weekly basis
- Student Teacher, St. Bernard School: Green Bay, WI, September 2009 – November 2009
 - Taught 4th grade Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science
 - Designed lessons plans around hands-on student learning and a variety of other creative instructional strategies
 - Modified lesson plans to fit individual student needs
 - Specialized in planning for and leading leveled guided-reading groups.
 - Worked with students from diverse backgrounds and strived to make the classroom a warm, welcoming place for all
 - Demonstrated ability to communicate well with parents and other faculty on a daily-basis
 - Participated in parent-teacher-student conferences

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Reading Specialist Aide, St. Bernard School: Green Bay, WI, January 2010 - Present
 - Requested to return to St. Bernard after student teaching to aid the Reading Specialist in her work with struggling readers
 - Trained in and implemented the Wilson Reading System to use individually with students
 - Used manipulatives, visuals, and alternative methods of instruction to further reach out to students
- Junior Block, Washington Middle School: Green Bay, WI, November 2008- December 2009
 - Worked with a team of other pre-service teachers to design a unit plan about the Titanic for sixth graders.
 - Incorporated individual, small-group, and whole-class instruction daily
 - Provided a variety of different assessment strategies to ensure that all students had the ability to accurately showcase what they had learned

- **ESL Tutor, St. Norbert College:** De Pere, WI, January 2008 – May 2009
 - Tutored students from various different countries who were studying at St. Norbert College, including students from South Korea, Japan, China, and Columbia.
 - Used knowledge from ESL classes to better instruct students as they learned English.
 - Served as a friendly conversation partner to help students feel more comfortable about speaking and writing English.
- **Sophomore Block, Howe Elementary School:** Green Bay, WI, April 2008 – May 2008
 - Taught 2nd grade Reading, Writing, Science, and Mathematics.
 - Created and implemented a week-long comprehensive poetry unit in which students used knowledge from other subjects to construct and perform their own poetry.
 - Used Spanish language skills to better communicate with students of diverse backgrounds.

CAREER RELATED EXPERIENCE:

- **Summer Camp Counselor, Greater Green Bay YMCA:** Green Bay, WI, June 2009- August 2009
 - Worked collaboratively with other counselors to create both indoor and outdoor activities for students in grades Kindergarten – Fifth
 - Created a relaxed environment where students were comfortable and could be themselves
 - Assisted with field trips to various sites around Green Bay
 - Built relationships based on trust and understanding with the parents through constant communication
- **Day Camp Counselor, Boys and Girls Club:** Milwaukee, WI, June 2008 – August 2008
 - Worked primarily with Kindergarten students
 - Developed both fun, hands-on, educational activities to keep the students engaged
 - Employed a number of behavior strategies to calm students and make the classroom a more enjoyable place for them to be
- **After/Before School Staff, Greater Green Bay YMCA:** De Pere, WI, September 2007 – May 2009
 - Worked with students in the before/after school care program
 - Planned both Art and Gym activities for students in grades Kindergarten – Fifth
 - Used management skills to ensure that all students were in a fun, safe environment
 - Assisted students with their homework on a daily basis.

COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY SKILLS:

- Created multiple lessons using the Smartboard (interactive white board)
- Experience using Powerschool (online grade book)
- Created a web quest for students on the Titanic
- Developed multiple PowerPoint presentations to assist visual learners
- Can assist students in creating movies and podcasts as forms of assessment
- Attended a technology conference in January 2010 which focused on the newest and most engaging technology tools available to students

OTHER SKILLS:

- Have taken two courses which specialize in teaching students who have English as second language: Language Analysis and Applied Linguistics and Methods in teaching English as a Second Language
- Played softball and volleyball and would be willing to coach
- Participated in Forensics and would love to assist with or start a Forensics program
- Speak intermediate Spanish
- Completed Virtus Training

