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OBJECTIVE

To pursue a career in elementary education while providing opportunities to enhance individual learners socially, academically, and developmentally. Strengths include:

- Computer proficiency in Microsoft Word, Power Point, Web Pages, and Internet
- Successful classroom management
- Strong communication skills, verbally and nonverbally
- Considerate of other cultural values and beliefs
- Understanding of various learning styles
- Foster meaningful and actively engaged learning
- Passionate about teaching

EDUCATION

St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, May 2008
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education – *Cum Laude*
Major in **Elementary Education**
Minor in **Early Childhood**
Cumulative GPA: 3.51/4.00
Honors: Dean's List –3 semesters

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Student Teaching, Martin Elementary, Green Bay, WI, November 2007 - January 2008

- Interpreted reading abilities and established guided reading group books and activities based upon those abilities
- Planned a 3 week "Government" unit based on third grade standards
- Integrated technology as a key focus in Christmas Around the World Unit
- Incorporated TRIBES into the daily schedule
- Maintained a positive, calm, and caring environment
- Trained with Literacy coach on Running Records
- Formed rapport with students by eating lunch with individuals
- Re-teaching or modify lessons to help clarify for ESL students

Student Teaching, Sunnyside Elementary, Suamico, WI, August – November 2007

- Developed lessons that incorporated different styles of learning: cooperative learning, individual assessment, exploration, and discovery
- Enhanced lessons to actively engage the learners
- Enthusiastically empowered students to be excited about learning
- Attended Kindergarten Conference held by Kim Adsit in Stevens Point
- Calmly facilitated numerous situations and difficulties that arose
- Assembled and instructed students on a Wood and Paper Einstein Kit
- Participated in Kindergarten Transition Days and Orientation
- Successful collaboration with co-teachers

Student Teaching, St. Norbert College Children's Center, De Pere, WI, September - December 2006

- Developed preschool activities based upon thematic approach
- Planned for hands-on learning for cooking, woodworking, blocks, dramatic play, art, reading/writing, sand/water table, and puzzles
- Held Parent/Teacher conferences
- Reflected through journaling to create an Observation Packet on one student

CAREER RELATED EXPERIENCE

Reading Tutor, St. Mark School, Green Bay, WI, Kindergarten Student, March – May 2007

- Assessed student with Running Records
- Created lessons to attract interest and strengthen reading, writing, and comprehension skills
- Targeted areas of need to focus activities and organize plans
- Used developmentally age-appropriate activities to stress reading skills needing improvement
- Completed anecdotal records for student
- Held Parent/Teacher Conference

Childcare Provider, St. Norbert College Children's Center, De Pere, WI, January – May 2007

- Maintained a safe learning environment
- Enhanced learning through guidance and exploration
- Responded in calm and positive manner

Sophomore Block, Aldo Leopold, Green Bay, WI, Kindergarten, November – December 2005

- Developed and taught activities based on multiple learning styles
- Assisted in maintaining classroom management
- Cooperative learning
- Attended Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Instructed students with Einstein Kit on Wood and Paper

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Multicultural Early Childhood Class, Tank Elementary, Green Bay, WI, 1st grade, October – December 2006

- Observed diverse cultures within the classroom
- Assisted students on individual subject areas

Social Studies Methods Class, Wrightstown Elementary, Wrightstown, WI, WI, 4th grade, September – November 2005

- Prepared and guided lessons on the truths of the “first Thanksgiving”
- Created lessons based upon individual's learning styles

Mathematical Methods Class, Westwood Elementary, West De Pere, WI, Kindergarten, September – November 2005

- Observed a kindergarten classroom
- Attended EveryDay Math introduction meeting
- Planned lessons with two other colleagues that would actively engaged the students and target various learning styles
- Used technology to presented a continued story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Caregiver Private Family, De Pere, WI, August 2005 – present

Production line, Eillien's Candies Inc., Green Bay, WI, June 2004 - present

Curb Detailer and Finisher, Fox Valley Curb, Wrightstown, WI, June 2005 – August 2006

Cashier, Produce Department, Dick's Family Foods, Wrightstown, WI, November 2001 – June 2004

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- *Guided Reading Groups/Classroom Helper, Wrightstown Elementary, 3rd grade classroom, January – May 2008*
- *Classroom Helper, Aldo Leopold, Kindergarten classroom, February – May 2006*
- *Classroom Helper, Pioneer Elementary School, Ashwaubenon, 1st grade, September – November 2005*
- *Soccer Coach, U8 Girl's De Pere Recreational Soccer, June – August 2004*

ACTIVITIES

Varsity Women's Soccer, St. Norbert College, Fall 2004 Season

Zambia Project, St. Norbert College, Active member, September 2004-May 2005, August 2006-December 2006

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SWEA member, August 2005-May 2006

Fallen Timbers Certificate, Fallen Timbers, Pulaski, September 2005

Spanish class, September 1999-May 2002 (3 years)