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Professional Summary

Enthusiastic kindergarten teacher who has earned trust and respect from students, colleagues and administration for 5+ years.

Qualifications

- Fully credentialed by the state of California
- Master's degree in childhood education
- More than 5 years teaching in the classroom
- Experience working with diverse populations
- Maintained a safe and stimulating classroom environment
- Experienced creating developmentally appropriate lesson plans, marking grades, providing progress reports
- Clear communicator who partners with parents to help children succeed
- Collaborative team player who contributes to school-wide success
- Understanding of Reggio Emilia teaching philosophy

Experience

San Mateo Elementary School

August 2006 to June 2010

Kindergarten Teacher

San Mateo, CA

Full-time Kindergarten teacher at a diverse elementary school. Under my tenure, discipline issues decreased, learning retention increased, and the number of children reading at a 1st grade level by the end of the year increased by 10%. Created a classroom environment that was conducive to learning, socialization, imaginative play and encouraging students to clean up after themselves at the end of the day.

Lincoln Elementary School

January 2003 to June 2005

Teaching Assistant

Berkely, CA

Worked as a teaching assistant in an elementary school while I was obtaining my master's degree in education. There, I assisted students who required individual attention with reading and math skills and made recommendations to the teacher as to those who may require specialized learning. Helped with bathroom issues, supervising snack breaks, and setting up art projects.

Mrs. K's Preschool

June 2000 to December 2002

Teacher's Aide

Oakland, CA

While in college for my Bachelor's Degree, I worked as a preschool assistant. While caring for preschool age children, I learned how to create enriching curriculum and develop engaging classroom environments. I used this experience to begin research on what would become my Master's Thesis and apply this knowledge to my classrooms today.

Education

UC Berkeley

2006

Early Childhood Education

M.A.

Berkeley, CA

San Francisco State University

2001

Education

B.A. Education

San Francisco, CA

Certifications

CPR Certified

Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, California

Community Involvement

Big Sister's Association, 2008

Girl Scout's of America, 1990 - Present

Affiliations

National Education Association (NEA), 2001-Present

Keywords

Bachelor's Early Childhood Education, pre-school, kindergarten, CDA, low-income, diverse cultures, disabilities, Head Start, ECEAP, Master's IEP, individualized curriculum, academic goals and standards, student-centered instruction, technology integration, standardized testing..