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OBJECTIVE

Seeking an upper elementary/middle school teaching position.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Eighteen years of experience at the middle and elementary school level in both private and public school systems.
- Substantial experience with reading and writing workshops.
- Regular utilization of project-based learning and technology resources to promote interactive learning focused on Fairfax County School's Portrait of a Graduate skills.
- High degree of creativity, dedication, and resourcefulness combined with strong planning and organizational skills.

EDUCATION

B.A. Computer Science/Mathematics, Theatre Minor, May 2000.
Elementary Education (K-6) Certification.
Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Flint Hill Elementary School, Vienna, VA (August 2015 – June 2019)

Fifth Grade Teacher

- Designed and implemented daily instruction for reading, writing, science, social studies, and math.
- Integrated technology to foster student curiosity and interest using programs such as G Suite, Flipgrid, Padlet, Pear Deck, Wixie, and Blackboard.
- Utilized project based learning and visible thinking routines to develop critical thinking, communication, and collaboration skills.
- Customized instruction through learning menus, interactive hyper docs, and facilitation of differentiated guided reading and math groups.
- Employed Socratic Seminars, Document Based Questioning, M3 and William and Mary units, and the Jason Project to enrich instruction for all learners.
- Served on Global Classroom committee and as grade level team leader.

Admiral Richard E. Byrd Middle School, Winchester, VA (2010 - 2015)

Sixth Grade Teacher

- Taught language arts (2010-2015) & science (2010-2011).
- Collaborated with grade level teachers to develop and plan units of study aligned with VA Standards of Learning.
- Assisted with development of district benchmarks and curriculum.
- Implemented lessons individualizing instruction through use of reading and writing workshop and technology.
- Pilot classroom for district's one-to-one Chromebook initiative.
- Served on School Improvement Team.
- Organized annual school forensics competition.

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St. Joseph School, Martinsburg, WV (2001 - 2010)

Sixth Grade Teacher (2002-2004; 2006-2010)

Fourth Grade Teacher (2004-2006)

- Taught language arts, social studies, science, and math.
- Created a language arts curriculum that individualized instruction through use of a reading and writing workshop approach.
- Facilitated student use of portfolios and ongoing reflection to track growth.
- Incorporated technology into daily plans, designing lessons that integrated webquests, wikis, blogs, digital video, and podcasting.
- Used interactive student notebooks to promote student engagement and make use of multiple intelligences in processing social studies and science content.
- Created a class website to assist with parent/student communication.
- Directed a drama class as a middle-school elective.
- Spelling bee coordinator; Served on writing and AdvancED committees.

Media Specialist (2001-2002)

Internships and Aiding

- Assisted at the Halfmoon Bay School (multi-age; Stewart Island, New Zealand).
- Completed internships at Watson Elementary School (2nd grade; Fairmont, WV) and Owairaka Primary School (2nd year; Auckland, New Zealand).

Other Relevant Volunteer Experience

- Tutored students in after-school programs at St. Joseph School.
- Lead GPS educational workshops for the Maryland Geocaching Society & Northern Virginia Geocaching Organization.
- Assisted with outreach opportunities for the Northern Virginia Astronomy Club.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Sweet Briar College Babcock Theatre, Sweet Briar, VA (1996 - 2000)

Technical Assistant. Constructed sets, hung and focused lighting, assisted with sound, costumes and other technical tasks for college productions, guest companies and artists.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Strong computer and technical abilities. Proficiency with MacOS and Windows; Java and HTML languages; GSuite, Microsoft Office, Photoshop, and other software. Well-developed word processing and web page development skills.
- Training in Responsive and APL classroom management; curriculum mapping; Four Blocks Literacy; WriteTraits and Four-Square writing methods; Hands on Equations; Mimio, Neo2, Smart and Classroom Response Systems.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Extensive travel on all 7 continents: Antarctica, Argentina, Costa Rica, India, Kenya, Tanzania, England, Belgium, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France, Scotland, Canada, Mexico, Australia, and New Zealand.