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**OBJECTIVE**

Seeking placement in an elementary or middle school to develop an enriching and culturally stimulating classroom

**HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS**

* Strong background in classroom management; intuitive, appealing, creative.
* Hard-working team player with great communication skills, creativity and passion for education.
* Kind, caring and fun individual with love of life and for children.

**CERTIFICATION AND ENDORSEMENTS**

The Evergreen State College Master in Teaching Degree **6/2009** Residency Teaching Certificate

Endorsements: Middle School Math and Science

Elementary Education

Master Thesis: Gender Bias in Education

**EXPERIENCE**

**Olympia School District, Lincoln Elementary School , *Student Teacher* 8 - 11/ 2008**

* Co-taught, planned, assessed, designed and implemented programs for 1st and 2nd grade class
* Established classroom community and developed strong classroom management skills
* Responsible for daily teaching of self designed math and reading programs
* Engaged in reflective teaching practices
* Participated in all professional development opportunities
* Contributed in IEP development and planning for two students
* Consulted in school wide analysis of local, state and national standards to develop a scope and sequence for lower elementary grade math program
* Contributed to weekly newsletter to parents

**North Thurston School District, Lydia Hawk Elementary, *Practicum* 1 - 6/ 2008**

* Engaged in observation of pedagogy, classroom, management and home-school interactions
* Created and taught two three day mini units in preparation of science EALR
* Interviewed school personnel to develop a deeper understanding of school culture.
* Organized and implemented a book club with discussion for 5th grade class members
* Participated in Green Congress including water testing and reporting of results

**Girl Scouts of America, *Junior Scout Troop Leader* 2003-2007**

* Created programs to build leadership, teamwork, and independent thinking.
* Specialized in multi-stage projects working towards troop goals in community service, outdoor education, science, world culture and fine arts.
* Managed parent involvement, delegate tasks as needed.
* Adhered to strict Girl Scout of America Guidelines through ongoing training.

**Lafayette Elementary School, *Classroom Volunteer* *and Chaperone* 2002-2007**

* Worked with kids individual and in small groups in multiple classrooms.
* Assisted students with creative writing projects: brainstormed ideas, focused on paragraph development, sequential reasoning and fully developing ideas
* Created visuals for math to explain concepts; utilized manipulatives, puzzles and games
* Assisted with special projects or functions and chaperone fieldtrips as needed

**Lafayette Elementary School, *Volunteer Kindergarten Science Teacher* 2002-2005**

* Developed own enriching curriculum, highlights included:
* Classroom cocoon observation and butterfly release
* In depth scientific investigation including exploration of the five senses.
* Exploration of phase changes, complete with the “phase change game” and ice cream making
* Experiments explaining forces: baking soda rockets, frictionless surface tests
* Kids designed paper bridges and tested their strength with pennies

**Girl Scout of America, *Chinook Day Camp Leader* 2004 & 2005**

* Worked with middle school girls in summer day camp program.
* Developed themed camp experience incorporating teambuilding, rock wall climbing, rappelling, fire building, outdoor cooking, crafts, skits and songs.
* Encountered cultural diversity and interpersonal issues, worked on social obstacles, helped create acceptance.

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Text 100 Public Relations, *Office Manager* 2004-2007**

* Efficiently maintained all aspects of a smooth running office.
* Responsible for purchasing, planning, budget tracking, facilities, equipment and space planning.
* Created and maintained ongoing vender relationships.

**Mannesmann Tally Printer Manufacturer, *Regional Sales Manager*** **1994-1996**

Sales and Marketing Professional for High Speed Computer Printer Manufacturer

**Back Technologies Corporation, *National Sales Manager* 1991-1994**

Sales Manager for Physical Therapy Product Company

**EDUCATION**

Master in Teaching, *the Evergreen State College*, June 2009

BA in Political Science and English, *University of Arizona*, 1989

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

NCTM - National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

NSTA - National Science Teacher Association

*References Available Upon Request*