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Teaching Philosophy:

I believe that all students have the ability to learn when given proper instruction that is thoughtfully planned. Motivation, determination and curiosity are three of the most important aspects of a child's learning experience. I have found that proper guidance provides the right amount of curiosity to keep students motivated and determined to be successful. I have high expectations for all students and give them the support to help them reach their goals and achieve to the best of their abilities.

Education:

Michigan State University
Major: Education
Degree: Master of Arts
Start Date: 06/2007
Expected End Date: July 2011
G.P.A.: 4.0

Sonoma State University
Major: Liberal Arts
Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Start Date: Fall 2003
End Date: Spring 2007
G.P.A.: 3.55 *Cum Laude*

Credentials:

Colorado Initial Teaching License
Issued: 4/24/2010
Expires: 4/24/2013

Texas Standard Classroom Teacher EC-4
Issued: 5/08/2008
Expires: 6/30/2013

California Preliminary Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential K-12 with English Language Learner Endorsement
Issued: 5/24/2007
Expires: 6/01/2012

Teaching Experience:

Employer:
Harrison School District
1060 Harrison Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Otero Elementary School
First Grade Classroom Teacher
Start Date: 08/2010
End Date: Current

- Implementation of multiple response strategies to engage all students in learning
- The use of data to inform instruction
- Providing a classroom environment that encourages and motivates students to actively participate in their learning
- Differentiated instruction to meet the academic needs of all students
- Assessment of student achievement to allow for proper planning
- Organizing themed units to cross the curriculum and integrate multiple academic areas for students
- Ongoing participation in professional development to stay up to date on current teaching strategies
- Collaboration with colleagues to share ideas
- Experience with the RTI process
- Use of the DIBELS program

Employer:
Killeen Independent School District
200 N WS Young Dr
Killeen, TX 76543

Clifton Park Elementary School
First Grade Classroom Teacher
Start Date: 08/2007
End Date: 06/2010

References:

Available upon request