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“Teaching is the greatest act of optimism.” Colleen Wilcox, American Educator

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Objective: To obtain an elementary or middle school teaching position

Education: Michigan State University East Lansing, MI
Master of Arts in Education May 2013
Specialization: Science and Mathematics Education

Michigan State University East Lansing, MI
Fifth Year Teacher Intern Program August 2008 – May 2009

Michigan State University East Lansing, MI
Bachelor of Arts with High Honor May 2008
Major: Education Teaching Minors: English, History

Certification: Michigan Elementary Provisional Certificate
K-5 All Subject Areas, 6-8 English, History May 2009

**Teaching
Experience**

English Teacher St. Thomas Aquinas Parish School East Lansing, MI
August 2011 – Present Grades 6-8

- Instruct writing through genres and the 6 Traits of Writing program
- Teach vocabulary using *Building Vocabulary from Word Roots*
- Create grammar and conventions lessons using sentence diagramming and *Mechanically Inclined*
- Use formative and summative assessments to monitor student progress
- Differentiate instruction by incorporating art, drama, movement, and partner/group learning
- Integrate science and social studies into language arts
- Plan and lead multiple field trips for each grade to enhance learning
- Implement a rewards points system as a classroom management strategy
- Communicate with parents via my class website and/or e-mail
- Co-lead Green Club, making the school more environmentally friendly

Long-term Substitute Teacher Marble Elementary School East Lansing, MI
February – May 2011 Third Grade

- Worked with three different third grade classes, following teachers' plans
- Improved classroom management skills
- Differentiated instruction based on three significantly different classrooms
- Created a student blog during Reading Month

Long-term Substitute Teacher Mohawk Elementary School Macomb, MI
September 2010 – January 2011 Kindergarten

- Established classroom management routines
- Engaged students in literacy and math lessons
- Involved parent volunteers in centers, field trips, and class parties
- Communicated with families through weekly newsletters

Summer Success Teacher Chippewa Valley Schools Clinton Twp., MI
July – August 2010 Kindergarten

- Created lessons in phonemic awareness, phonics, and reading groups
- Assessed student progress using MLPP

Substitute Teaching Chippewa Valley, Fraser, L'Anse Creuse,
Lakeview, Utica, Van Dyke Schools 2009-2010, Hazel Park Schools 2008-2010

Teacher Intern Webster Elementary School Hazel Park, MI
August 2008 – May 2009 Second Grade

- Planned and instructed all subject areas for 10 weeks
- Differentiated instruction based on learning styles for each subject
- Assessed students' reading in all grade levels using DIBELS
- Developed classroom management techniques and used MiBLSi
- Organized Literacy Club to promote reading community with families
- Communicated with parents during conferences and throughout the year

Senior Placement Marble Elementary School East Lansing, Michigan
September 2007 – April 2008 First Grade

- Planned and taught one lesson in each subject for entire class
- Led Morning Meetings and literacy activities
- Replicated classroom management techniques

Junior Placement Pleasantview Magnet School for the Arts Lansing, MI
January 2007 – April 2007 Eighth Grade

- Observed teaching methods
- Assisted groups of students in social studies and language arts

**Teaching-related
Experience:**

Parks and Recreation Clinton Twp., MI

- Playground Instructor June 2007 – August 2009
- Playground Assistant June 2005 – August 2006

**Professional
Development:**

- NCTE Convention November 2012
- IRA Conference May 2012
- SMART Board training January 2011
- Michigan Literacy Progress Profile (MLPP) training March 2010
- Kappa Delta Pi webinars January-February 2010
- MSTA 56th Annual Conference Detroit, MI March 2009
- “Bucketfillers for Life” workshop Hazel Park, MI November 2008
- Member of Kappa Delta Pi Education Fraternity since April 2007
- Study Abroad “Teaching and Teacher Leadership” Sydney, Australia
May – June 2006

Technology:

Proficient in: Weebly website creator, Microsoft Office and Windows, Google Blogger, Google Earth, Voice Thread, Wikispaces, Audacity

Honors:

Earned “Site of the Year” for Parks and Recreation Daycamp in 2008, nominated for MSU Outstanding Senior Award and Richard Lee Featherstone Endowed Prize for outstanding seniors; member of: MSU Honors College, MSU Dean's List, Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education

Interests:

Reading, traveling, band, singing, softball, other sports, community service

References

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