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***"So often you find the students you're trying to inspire are the ones that end up inspiring you."
Sean Junkins***

Areas of Expertise

- Adept at designing and managing classroom environment to enhance children's academic preparation and achievement
- Ability to build an easy rapport with children, establishing a solid foundation of trust
- Six years experience as a volunteer reading coach
- Extensive leadership experience and ability to work in a collaborative or team approach
- Flexible, patient and calm under pressure
- Competent in utilizing PowerPoint, document cameras, video streaming, Photoshop, Smart Boards
- Sixteen years' experience as a Para Educator in a Title One elementary school

Education and Certification

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education Evening Teacher Certification Program

Whitworth University, Spokane, Washington, September 2015-May 2018

Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education

Spokane Falls Community College, Spokane, Washington, September 1993-June 1995

Residency Teacher Certificate, State of Washington, May 2018

Endorsements: Elementary Education (K-8), Reading (P-12)

Content Assessments (NES): Elementary Education, October 2017; Essential Components of Elementary Reading Instruction, March 2018

Classroom Experience

Intercultural Field Experience: 2nd grade, May 2018

Grant Elementary School, Spokane Public Schools, Spokane, Washington

- Planned and instructed culturally receptive integrated units.
- Assisted with district math assessment for each student.
- Participated in community cultural events.

Student Teacher: 6th grade, February-April 2018

Arlington Elementary School, Spokane Public Schools, Spokane, Washington

- Designed and augmented developmentally appropriate learning activities using a monthly theme.
- Prepared and implemented culturally responsive lessons using Common Core as a guide, accommodating for individual needs and diverse learning styles.
- Responsible for student learning, assessment, parent communication and other tasks as needed.
- Adapted lessons to meet individual needs and accommodate for diversity of learning abilities, learning styles and interests
- Created an interdisciplinary, experimental science unit that incorporated mathematics, writing and critical reading
- Participated in Parent-Teacher Conferences and communicated with parents utilizing a variety of methods
- Assisted with Arlington Elementary Reading Night, interacting with students, parents, teachers, and community members

Field Experience: 7th - 8th grade, February-May 2017
Northwood Middle School, Mead School District, Spokane, Washington

Field Experience: 6th grade, September-December 2016
Westview Elementary, Spokane Public Schools, Spokane, Washington

Related Experience

Reading Coach, Northwood Middle School, Mead School District, Spokane, Washington, 2009-2015

Homework Helpers Parent Volunteer, Evergreen Elementary, Mead School District, Spokane, Washington, 2008-2013

Mead High School Booster Club Chairperson, Spokane, Washington, 2007-2008

Resource Room Para Educator, Shiloh Hills Elementary, Mead School District, Spokane, Washington, 1995-2009

Sunday School Teacher, 3rd grade, Whitworth Presbyterian Church, Spokane, Washington, 1993-present

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