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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ~ PRIMARY GRADE SCHOOL ~ PRE-K *Classroom Teacher ~ Teacher Mentor ~ Literary Teacher*

Gifted teacher with 13 years of knowledge and experience teaching pre-K and early childhood education in multicultural classroom settings. Stellar reputation for developing and implementing classroom management and lesson plans promoting individuality, student growth, and positive reinforcement. Served as teacher-mentor and professional supervisor. Enjoyed sharing creative endeavors with colleagues and working as part of an educational and community team for children in the district. Detailed professional possessing compassion, enthusiasm, excellent listening and communication skills, a love of children, and a sense of humor and delight in students' day-to-day activities. Committed to professional ethics and standards of practice.

Educational Competencies:

- Classroom Instruction
 - Parenting Skills
 - Classroom Management
 - Setting & Implementing Goals
 - Administrative Management
 - Artistic Expression
 - Family Involvement
 - Public & Community Relations
 - Organization
 - Grant Writing
 - Supervision
 - Literacy in the Classroom
 - Team Building & Leadership
 - Research
 - Problem Solving
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Curriculum & Assessment Tools:

New Jersey Core Curriculum	Educational Standards & Expectations
Whole-Language Approach	Success for All Curricula
Journey into Math Computer Curriculum	Curriculum Enrichment
Individualized Instruction	Looping Program
ELAS Assessment	Standardized Testing

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TEACHER, PRE-KINDERGARTEN, 2002 to Present

TEDDY BEAR PRESCHOOL CENTER, EDUCATION EARLY CHILDHOOD CONSORTIUM,
METUCHEN BOARD OF EDUCATION—Metuchen, NJ

Teach in a special program implemented in Metuchen, helping children explore interests, develop talents and independence, build self-esteem, and learn how to function with others in a child-centered environment. Implement curriculum designed to stimulate children's physical, emotional, intellectual, and social growth. Assess children to evaluate their progress and discuss with parents their involvement in the educational and developmental process. Work with ELAS Assessment Tool.

Selected Achievements:

- Chosen to participate in both the standard and pilot Looping Program as the result of extensive teaching experience.
- Currently undergoing training in Positive Behavior Support (PBS) Program, a process that gives teachers and families a way to understand and address persistent challenging behaviors by focusing on purpose of behavior and using positive strategies.
- Selected to attend monthly workshops and facilitate a workshop on "Transitions in the Classroom."
- Consistently receive positive written and verbal feedback from parents regarding classroom teaching and mentoring methodology and its success with students' learning experience.