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PROFILE

Elementary teacher seeking new international teaching experience that focuses on a student-centered, collaborative culture and promotes continuous growth for both students and educators

EDUCATION

2014 Pepperdine University

MA: Education, Teaching Credential K-8

2008 University of California, Santa Barbara

BA: Communication Studies, Minor in Professional Writing

EXPERIENCE

2nd Grade American Community School (ACS) Beirut: Beirut, Lebanon 2016 – Present

- Team leader: Worked within a PLC/collaborative framework to create alignment within and across grade levels in all subject areas (2017 – present)
- Skilled in using standards-based formative and summative assessments to guide instruction, monitor growth and progress, and adjust instruction as necessary
- Improved student literacy skills and promoted reflection through Reading and Writing Workshop
- Math Leadership team member: Worked collaboratively to implement math practices and conceptual standards using Eureka Math / Engage New York (2016 – present)
- Attended to social-emotional needs of students through growth mindset approach, Positive Discipline, class meetings, core values, Kelso's choices
- Implemented Amplify Science NGSS curriculum and Project AERO standards for social studies
- Partnered with student support services team to provide interventions to students as needed
- Communicated with parents through emails, newsletters, and face-to-face meetings including student-led conferences
- Integrated technology to foster student ownership of learning goals, expression of ideas, and creation of digital portfolios (iPad platforms: Seesaw and Flipgrid)

3rd Grade Qingdao No. 1 International School of Shandong (QISS): Qingdao, China 2014 – 2016

- Developed and wrote curriculum using backward planning while differentiating instruction to meet students' needs
- Planned and executed authentic assessments using inquiry and project-based learning
- Collaborated with fellow teachers to participate in professional development seminars on best practices
- Used Skype in the Classroom to connect with authors and other classes around the world to promote literacy and cultural diversity
- Co-Leader of the Lower School Student Council (Grades 3-5) and co-chair of the Festival of Words, a week-long school event that celebrated literacy

English Language Teacher Private English Language Institutes: Seoul, South Korea 2010 – 2012

- Created lessons and implemented curriculum to meet the needs of English language learners

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND DISTINCTIONS

- Teachers College Reading and Writing Workshop model (core resource: TC/Lucy Calkins Units of Study)
- Conceptual math standards and practices (core resource: Eureka/Engage NY)
- Invited participant and attendee of NESAs/AERO math summit in Amman, Jordan (2016)
- Google Education Summit (2017)
- Stanford University: Online
 - Mathematical Mindsets (2018)
 - How to Learn Math for Teachers (2017)
 - Child Nutrition and Cooking (2017)
- TEFL/TESOL Certification
- Presentations:
 - Conceptual math presentation to parents (2017)
 - Mini NESAs presenter, Let's Play: Building Math Number Sense With Games and Puzzles (2016)

INTERESTS

- Wellness, nutrition, running, playing racquetball, outdoor activities, traveling (50+ countries), photography
- Founder and host of Atlas Sliced, a web show and podcast that featured interviews with people living abroad (2012-2013)
- Childcare and community volunteer for underprivileged communities in Cusco, Peru (2009)

REFERENCES

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