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Objective:	To foster a comfortable, engaging atmosphere within my classroom, which allows all learners to prosper and grow	
Education:	Michigan State University <i>Master of Arts in Education (Elementary Education)</i>	East Lansing, Michigan <i>July 2011 – May 2013</i>
	Michigan State University <i>Bachelor of Arts</i> Major: Elementary Education Teaching Major: Social Studies (History)	East Lansing, Michigan <i>May 2009</i>
Certification:	Michigan Elementary Provisional Certificate <i>K – 5 all subject areas</i> <i>6 - 8 Social Studies</i>	<i>May 2010</i>
Teaching Experience:	Kerby Elementary School, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan <i>Fourth Grade Teacher</i> <i>Sept. 2012 - Present</i> <i>All Day Kindergarten Teacher</i> <i>Sept. 2011 – June 2012</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ create, implement, and assess kindergarten curriculum instruction according to state standards and benchmarks▪ differentiate instruction with consideration of multiple intelligences and various learning styles to accommodate individual needs of all students▪ employ multiple classroom management techniques and strategies to foster a safe, cooperative, and productive learning environment▪ attend all staff meetings, professional development seminars, and serve on various school committees▪ correspond with parents and guardians through newsletters, notes, phone calls, and both formal and informal conferences▪ integrate technological equipment into lessons to aide in student learning	
	Defer Elementary School, Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan <i>Kindergarten Teacher</i> <i>September 2010- June 2011</i>	
	Summer Enrichment Educator <i>Grosse Pointe, Michigan</i> <i>Summers 2009 - 2012</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ develop and organize curriculum materials and course work based on student need and description of the courses being taught▪ assess student academic levels to determine students' needs and interests	
	Frederick A. Hanstein Elementary School, Detroit, Michigan <i>Teacher Internship, Grade 1</i> <i>August 2009 – May 2010</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ created, implemented, and assessed first grade curriculum instruction for 33 weeks▪ promoted educational leadership for diverse learners in an urban setting▪ worked closely with my mentor teacher and other instructors to plan curriculum	

**Teacher
Related
Experience:**

Gymnastics Coach

Grosse Pointe North HS
October 2012 – Present

- lead and mentor high school aged girls as they prepare for gymnastic competition, develop teamwork and leadership skills, and teach new skills for all four women's competitive events.
- attend all team practices and meets, including many competition hosting duties
- create and develop routines for all team members, assess their growth and ability throughout the season

Tutor

Grosse Pointe, MI
June 2010 - Present

- create educational learning experiences for elementary aged children that coordinate with district and state standards for the particular grade level
- informally assess progress through observations and ongoing assessments
- foster an enjoyable atmosphere during tutoring sessions through games and activities that keep the child's interests in mind

**Professional
Development:**

Reader's Workshop , Grosse Pointe, MI	2012 – 2013
Fountas and Pinnell Assessments , Grosse Pointe, MI	August 2012
Making Meaning , Grosse Pointe, MI	April 2011
How to Teach, Scholars seminar , Grosse Pointe, MI	January 2011
"Brain Gym" Workshop , Grosse Pointe, MI	January 2011
Kindergarten Writer's Workshop Seminar , Grosse Pointe, MI	October 2010
SMART Technologies Training , Grosse Pointe, MI	September 2010
NWEA Assessment Training , Flint, MI	August 2010
Red Cross First Aid and CPR Certification , Detroit, MI	March 2010
Using Science Inquiry to Improve Achievement , Detroit, MI	January, 2010
Discover Writing with Barry Lane , Detroit, MI	November, 2009
The Detroit Instructional Approach , Detroit, MI	November, 2009
mClass: Reading 3D Product Training , Detroit, MI	September 2009
"Teaching With Technology" Course , Michigan State University	Fall Semester 2008
MSU Technology Conference , East Lansing, MI	November 2009

**Professional
Associations:**

Member, Michigan Education Association (MEA)	September 2010
Member, MSU Alumni Association	September 2009
Member, Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society	April 2008

Technology:

Proficient in: Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, Internet, E-mail, SMART board and SMART technologies, Digital Camera, Social Bookmarking, Digital Storytelling, Blogging, Google Maps, Digital Document Cameras, Website design/creation (Using Weebly.com), Pinterest, Microsoft Excel

**Honors and
Achievements:**

Deans List , Michigan State University	2006-2009
Henkel Corporation Scholarship	2005 - 2009
Graduated with Honors , Michigan State University	May 2009

**Additional
Information:**

Professional Portfolio available on request,
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