Sarah Smith

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Education:

Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL — Cumulative GPA: 3.97/4.00
Bachelor of Arts Degrees in Elementary Education and Psychology; Summa Cum Laude
Graduation: December 2011
Certification: May 2012

Teaching Experience:

Substitute Teaching — August 2011 - Present
Bradley Elementary School District, Bradley, Illinois
Bourbonnais Elementary School District, Bourbonnais, Illinois

Student Teaching — January – April 2011
Ravinia School, Highland Park, Illinois; 14 weeks, grade 5, 21 students

- Designed and implemented lessons from all core subject areas to meet specific Illinois Learning Standards and prepare students for the ISATs
- Collaborated with students and cooperating teacher to develop workable classroom behavior management system
- Differentiated based on variety of formal and informal, formative and summative assessments
- Created learning centers
- Participated in fifth-grade team meetings and staff meetings

Student Intern/Fieldwork Practicum — January – April 2010
Washington Elementary School, Waukegan, Illinois; 10 weeks, grade 2, 28 students

- Designed and implemented whole group lessons, learning centers, and guided reading groups
- Differentiated according to student learning preferences and instructional levels
- Created and taught unit in which students learned about culture through folktales and historical interviews
- Performed variety of assessments including spelling inventory, informal reading inventory, running record assessment, and fluency assessment
- Developed and implemented instructional plan to improve literacy skills of an individual student

CareerRelated Experience:

Tutor
Psychology Department, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois — September 2009 – April 2010
Chemistry Department, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois — January – May 2009

Comprehensive Study of a Student with Special Education Needs — January - May 2009
Lake Forest School District, Lake Forest, Illinois; 6 observation hours

- Observed student in general and special education settings, and observed team meeting
- Interviewed student's special education teacher, considered his IEP, and researched his disability
- Created learner profile and two lesson plans modified to fit student needs

Nanny — June – August, 2007 - 2010
Family, Kankakee, Illinois

IMSA on Wheels: Air and Pressure and Bernoulli's Principle DVD Development
Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Aurora, Illinois — September 2005 – May 2006

- Co-wrote, performed in, and co-edited a DVD for second- to fifth-grade students
- Taught science concepts and laboratory safety, and increased student interest in learning
- Distributed DVD to schools and libraries across Illinois

IMSA on Wheels Assembly Program
Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Aurora, Illinois
Presenter January 2004 – May 2005
Developer September 2004 – December 2005

- Presented science assembly for grades 2 to 5 at high-needs elementary schools in Illinois
- Motivated students to learn, and taught science concepts and safety measures
- Co-developed the 2004 IMSA on Wheels assembly program: Air and Pressure
- Co-created and co-taught weeklong course to teach high school students to present the program

Honors and Activities:

Senior Award in Student Teaching May 2010

Phi Betta Kappa
Member 2009 - Present

Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education
Historian 2008 - 2009
Member 2008 - Present

National Education Association
Member 2007 - Present

Psi Chi, International Honor Society in Psychology
Member October 2007 - Present

Phi Sigma Iota, International Foreign Language Honor Society
Member April 2007 – Present

Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society in Mathematics
Member 2005 - Present

National Science Teachers Association, Midwestern Area Convention November 2006

- Presented the IMSA on Wheels assembly program and its benefits for elementary and high school students

Major Instructional Course Projects

Teacher Work Sample for Science Unit on the Human Body March – April 2010

WebQuest: A Country of Immigrants December 2009

Social Studies Unit Plan on Immigration; Understanding by Design Format December 2009

Teacher Work Sample for Math Unit on Measurement December 2009

Special Skills and Interests:

SmartBoard Experience 2008 – Present

- Utilized SmartBoard as a teaching tool during education courses

Video Editing 2005 - Present

- Edited IMSA on Wheels: Air and Pressure and Bernoulli's Principle DVD using Final Cut Pro
- Edit home videos for personal use with Pinnacle Studio 11

Spanish Language Familiarity September 2003 – December 2007

- Studied Spanish through the 300-level to broaden cultural understanding and increase language skills

Additional Experience:

Maintenance Worker 2000 - 2005
Parr Rentals, Kankakee, Illinois