CERTIFIED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER (K-5)

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn." -- Benjamin Franklin

- ✓ Dedicated, resourceful teacher eager to lead teachers in learning the curriculum, using assessment data to drive instruction, and preparing high quality lesson plans, with a passion for education and a commitment to improving student and school success.
- ✓ Dedicated, resourceful, and goal-driven professional, with a solid commitment to academic achievement of every student.
- ✓ Proven ability to be flexible assuring that each child's learning needs and academic needs are met.
- ✓ Proven ability to provide individual and extra-curricular support for students with different learning needs.
- ✓ Superior relationship and communication skills to form meaningful relationships amongst students, staff, parents and stakeholders.
- ✓ An enthusiastic, creative, and passionate educator, who believes that all children can learn and thrive in a learning environment that is stimulating, comforting and appropriate to their unique talents and abilities.
- ✓ Specializations include: General Education for students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through fifth in all subject areas, Reading, English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies.
- ✓ Instructional Leadership by use of a balanced blend of motivational and targeted instruction methods to enhance curriculum, focus on the three 'R's rigor, relevancy and relationships.
- ✓ Engage Parents by working closely with parents throughout career, repeated successes securing a high level of parental involvement.
- ✓ Leverage Resources / Strategic Collaborations by working with district leaders and community partners to encourage parental involvement and strong community alliances.
- ✓ Utilize a visionary approach with consistency to help students past the threshold of notknowing to knowing and develop to their fullest extent.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Wilkinson County Elementary School, Irwinton, Georgia

May 2011-present

Key Contributions include:

- Developing high quality lesson plans aligned with the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards and instructional materials used in teaching Math.
- Developing lesson plans for Extended Learning Time, a system-wide initiative that targets student academic weaknesses in Math.
- Developing a progress monitoring tool to track student progress on pre and post assessments for Extended Learning Time.
- Developing and implementing individual modification/intervention plans to increase student achievement by targeting student academic weaknesses through instruction.
- Maintaining a record keeping system to monitor student progress and achievement, for parent, teacher, student, and administrative viewing and use.
- Communicating with parents through teacher class page, bi-weekly newsletters and student work folders, face-to-face academic meetings and parent-teacher conferences.
- Serving in the capacity of a team member and leader to disaggregate data of student test scores on state standardized, district benchmark, and classroom unit tests.
- Serving in the capacity of co-chairperson of the Honor's Committee
- Teaching general education students and individuals with learning challenges within a classroom, utilizing differentiated instructional methods, aligned with TKES.
- Redirecting students exhibiting behavior problems by replacing disruptive, unproductive patterns with positive behaviors.

Wilkinson County Primary School, Irwinton, Georgia

July 2007-May 2011

Key Contributions include:

- Developed high quality lesson plans aligned with the Common Core Georgia Performance Standards and instructional materials used in teaching Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading and Language Arts.
- Worked with Curriculum Directors/Instructional Support Specialists to develop high quality district benchmarks, at the Primary (Grades K-2) level, in order to assess student achievement.
- Developed lesson plans for Extended Learning Time, a system-wide initiative that targets student academic weaknesses in Math, English/Language Arts, and Reading.
- Developed a progress monitoring tool to track student progress on pre and post assessments for Extended Learning Time.
- Served in the capacity of a team member and leader to disaggregate data of student test scores on state standardized, district benchmark, and classroom unit tests.

- Maintained a record keeping system to monitor student progress and achievement, for parent, teacher, student, and administrative viewing and use.
- Taught general education students and individuals with learning challenges within a classroom, utilized differentiated instructional methods.
- Communicated with parents through teacher class page, bi-weekly newsletters and student work folders, face-to-face academic meetings and parent-teacher conferences.
- Redirected students exhibiting behavior problems and replaced disruptive, unproductive patterns with positive behaviors.
- Attended in excess of 200 hours of professional development of training in the area of Reading for classroom implementation.

Areas of Expertise

- Classroom management
- High Quality Lesson Planning
- Deep knowledge of curriculum
 - Differentiated Instruction
 - Response to Intervention
 - Instructional best practices
 - Data Analysis

Education & Credentials

Ed.S. Educational Leadership (2012)

Georgia College & State University, Milledgeville, GA-G.P.A.-3.7

M.Ed. Educational Leadership (2011)

Georgia College & State University, Milledgeville, GA G.P.A.-3.4

B.A. Business Administration & Economics (2005)

Wesleyan College, Macon, GA

Certification in Early Childhood Education (PK-5)

Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators

Certification in Educational Leadership

Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators

Certification in Computer Competency

Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators

Reading Endorsement

Oconee Regional Educational Service Agency

Gifted Endorsement

Northwest Georgia Regional Educational Service Agency

- ✓ May 2013 Greatest Gains in Math on CRCT (7%), Wilkinson County Elementary School
- ✓ February 2013, Attended the GASSP Conference, Griffin, GA
- ✓ September and October 2012, Attended Georgia Leadership Institute of School Improvement, Stone Mountain, GA
- ✓ February 2012 Teacher of the Month, Wilkinson County Elementary School
- ✓ Spring 2010 Employee of the Year (academic performance), Wilkinson County School District (Wilkinson County Primary School)
- ✓ Spring 2010 CRCT Performance (100% in all five areas). (Wilkinson County Primary School)
- ✓ Spring 2010 Member of the First Grade Team that had the greatest gains on the Criterion Referenced Competency Test (Wilkinson County Primary School)
- ✓ Summer 2008, Attended Teacher's Academy, Athens, GA
- ✓ Fall 2007, Attended the GLRS Struggling Readers Conference