

Leah Marie Sobecki

“The mediocre teacher tells,
The good teacher explains,
The superior teacher demonstrates,
The great teacher inspires.”

William Arthur Ward

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Objective

To teach and inspire children within a dynamic school environment

Education

Michigan State University East Lansing, MI
Fifth year teacher intern program August 2008 – May 2009
12 graduate credits May 2009

Michigan State University East Lansing, MI
Bachelor of Arts May 2008
Major – Elementary Education
Teaching Major – Language Arts

Certification

Michigan Elementary Provisional Certificate – K-5 all subjects, May 2009
Language Arts Endorsement – Middle School Language Arts, May 2009

Teaching Experience

Chillum Elementary School – Hyattsville, MD
August 2009 – Present, 5th grade

- differentiated instruction across the curriculum in all subject areas
- individualized learning for students in correlation with various learning styles
- incorporated levels of academic rigor in all subject areas
- motivated students to become responsible and hardworking members of the classroom community
- promoted proper and respectful behavior while being consistent with classroom management
- supported students in mastering components of the English language
- included weekly small group rotations as part of the reading block
- conducted conferences with parents and students to monitor student progress
- provided students with authentic assessments to measure their overall knowledge
- analyzed data from all areas in order to determine strengths and focus areas
- modified lesson plans and teaching techniques after assessing to fit various student needs

Hoover Elementary School – Hazel Park, MI
August 2008 – May 2009, 2nd grade

- co-planned and co-taught all subjects during the fall semester
- responsible for planning, teaching, and assessing all subjects for ten weeks
- coordinated with other interns to share Lucy Calkins workshop information with elementary school staff
- participated in organizing and carrying out a variety of educational events as a member of the Positive Environment Committee and P.T.A
- maintained a wide-ranging literacy program which included Dolch Words, Making Meaning, Being a Writer, Phonics, and Guided Reading
- implemented suitable instructional techniques to help students become familiar with the Everyday Mathematics program

Teaching-related Experience

ELO Tutor – Chillum Elementary School, Hyattsville, MD

September 2009 – Present, 5th and 6th grade students

- reinforced key mathematics and reading skills taught throughout the school year
- integrated technology to strengthen student interest in mathematics and reading
- incorporated manipulatives into the learning experience
- taught skills with engaging hands on activities
- created a management plan for successful small group learning
- supported students in mastering basic reading and mathematics skills

Assistant Teacher – Small Wonders Inc, Warren, MI

May 2008 – August 2008, infants, toddlers, and preschool

- worked with students and led daily learning activities
- encouraged and practiced positive communication amongst children
- designed weekly activities to help the students thrive

Assistant Teacher and Substitute – People’s Church Preschool, East Lansing, MI

September 2005 – May 2008, preschool

- fostered a safe and healthy learning environment
- assisted lead teachers in classroom management
- helped to plan a variety of learning activities

Professional Development

Literacy Without Limits – SoMIRAC, March 2011

Title I School Wide Planning – PGCPSS, September 2010

Managing Disruptive Classroom Behavior – Educational Resource Services, March 2010

Mathematics Institute for Learning – PGCPSS, February 2010

Education City Training – Chillum Elementary School, November 2009

DRA Training – Chillum Elementary School, September 2009

Legal Issues Seminar – Michigan State University, December 2008

“A Day with Lucy Calkins” Workshop – Oakland Schools, November 2008

MSU Interns Present Lucy Calkins – Hazel Park Schools, November 2008

Book Study: “Getting Beyond “I Like the Book” – Hazel Park Schools, November 2008

Classroom Instruction That Works – Hazel Park Schools, October 2008

Great Beginnings E-Course – Care Courses, June 2008

Technology

Discovery Education, BrainPOP, Education City, Study Island, Ticket to Read, First in Math, Edusoft, Performance Matters, SchoolMax, Google Services, Reading and Science A-Z, Inspiration and Kidspiration, Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Interwrite Board, and Digital Photography

Honors and Achievements

Member – School Improvement Team, Spring 2010 to present

Member – School Planning and Management Team, Spring 2010 to present

Member – National Education Association, Fall 2009 to Present

Member – Maryland State Education Association, Fall 2009 to present

Dean’s List – Michigan State University, Spring 2008

Professional References

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