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Education

Grand Valley State University

***April 2016*** Special Education CI/EI, Elementary Education , Bachelor of Science

Job Experience

United Insurance Agency | 17001 19 Mile road, Clinton Township MI 48038

Agent ***October 2010*** – March 2013

Worked as an insurance agent. With this job titled there were many different things that had to be done. The main job details included; writing policies, taking care of claims, adding and removing; cars, homes, ATV, RVs and boats. This job really required a lot of customer service type of work. Worked with customers or the insurance carriers over the phone and in person.

Parkside Store

| 8587 Silver Lake Rd, Mears, MI 49436

***April 2013*** – Current

Working as an important member of the staff at Parkside Store in Mears MI, the job details include many different things. Since this store sells many different things, including clothes, grocery, deli and needed camping gear. Parkside rewards themselves on having the best customer service in Mears, a large part of this job is customer service. Greeting all customers with a warm and welcoming hello as they walk into the store. Along with assisting in finding items needed around the store. The second main part of this job is taking care of customers at check out. Checking out the customers quickly while having accurate cash transaction. Another part of the responsibilities of being at the register was bagging groceries. The third part of these job was doing many different behind the scenes jobs. These jobs included; stocking, clothing, cooking pizzas and taking care of all deli foods. Parkside had many different responsibilities, which I was able to succeed in each different job.

AppleTree Learning Center | 1953 Monroe NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49505

***August 2014*** – Current

Working as a member of AppleTree Learning Center I have many different job responsibilities. One of the most important jobs is making sure that all of my students are learning to their full potential. At AppleTree we follow a set Core Curriculum. Each of the students will be learning important skills that will help them once they enter Elementary school. The students are involved in different learning centers where they learn about; Dramatic Play, Blocks/Community, Math/Manipulatives, Reading/Writing, Arts, and Science/Sensory. Each day I help provide the students with other life skills they will need along with helping build self-esteem and providing loving care for all the students.

Volunteer Experience

Evergreen Elementary School | 10690 Learning Ln, Allendale Charter Township, MI

First Grade Tutor- Volunteer ***January 2014*** – April 2014

During the four months at Evergreen elementary it included tutoring two first grade students. These students were met with them every other day. With these students I help assist them in reading. This volunteer work included many different responsibilities; searching for grade level and meaningful books, creating lesson plans and many different activities for each tutoring session. These lessons had to assist them in becoming independent readers being able to fully understand a text. Most of these lessons included teaching different reading cues, and strategies for comprehension. These tutoring really showed a glimpse into the life of teaching and planning for reading lessons.

Godfrey-Lee Early Childhood Center | 961 Joosten St SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

Second Grade Tutor- Volunteer ***March 13, 18,20, 25 2014*** – April 1, 2014

During my time at Godfrey-Lee Early Childhood Center I worked with 20 different students doing math exchanges. During my times vouchering with these students I was able to teach them about odds and even numbers. I was able to create my own lesson plans and come up with the activity that helped the students and was an engaging activity. Along with teaching these students math, I was able to get lots of classroom management experience.

Indian Trails Camp | 1859 Lake Michigan Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534

Volunteer October 2012 – Current (Different weekends during the year)

Indian Trails Camp is a camp for children with disabilities. This is a camp that allows children to come for a weekend and has many different activities available for children with many different types of disabilities. During the time spent at Indian Trails Camp, most time was spent doing smaller but meaningful activities with the campers. These activities includes, many different arts and crafts projects and pool games.

West Shore ISD | 1859 Lake Michigan Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534

Volunteer in Special Education Classes December 2012 – Current (Different weekends during the year)

While working in the West Shore ISD program there was many different classrooms I had the opportunity to work in. Most of the students ranged in age from first-eighth grade. During the time spent volunteering, I assisted the teacher and helped with the students.

Organizations

* Alpha Omicron Pi
  + Member 2012-Present
* Sigma Alpha Lambda- Honors and Service Fraternity
  + Member 2012-Present
* Teachers of Tomorrow
  + Member 2012-Present
* Michigan Council for the Exceptional Child
  + Member 2013-Present
  + E-Board member Treasurer 2014-2015