

MELISSA LAZARIDES

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OBJECTIVE:

To obtain a position as an elementary school educator in grades one through five.

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas Aug. 1998 – Dec. 2002
Bachelors of Arts Psychology, minor in Spanish (fluent in Spanish)
Applied Learning and Development, Elementary Certification
ITC International TEFL Certificate, Madrid, Spain Aug. 2003
Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certification

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Allan Elementary School

Austin, Texas, Aug. 2004 – May 2005

Pamela Gray, Principal

Self-Contained Second Grade Classroom

- My classroom contained 18 at-risk students, many of whom were being served by special services. I adjusted the district's curriculum to meet the needs of each student.

Casey Elementary School, Austin

Texas Jan. 2002 – Dec. 2002

University of Texas, College of Education, Observation Program

Self-Contained First Grade Classroom, Mentor Teacher: Carl Hooker

- During my first semester, I assisted and taught several lessons. My second semester gradually became a total teach environment in which I created and taught all lessons.

Intercom English School

Madrid, Spain Oct. 2003 – Dec. 2003

Self-Contained English Language Classrooms

- I taught five different English level classes to children ranging from five to nine years old. I created active English lessons to increase grammar, pronunciation, and vocabulary efficiency.

RELATED EXPERIENCE:

Safe Place Women's Shelter, Austin, Texas, Children's Advocate Volunteer
Jan. 2000 – May 2000 and Feb. 2001 – May 2001

- I organized and ran small discussion groups with children who suffered from or witnessed abuse.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ACTIVITIES

Recent Courses & Workshops

- Master Reading Teacher Seminar, June 2004
University of Texas at Austin, Dr. James Hoffman
- Second Grade Reading Invitational, AISD, Nov. 2004
- Second Grade Reading Invitational, AISD, Jan. 2004
- Discipline With Dignity, Jan. 2005
- Second Grade Science Kit Workshop, Sept. 2004, Jan. 2005

School Committees

- Parent-Teacher Communication Committee, Aug. 2004 – May 2005
- Increase the Peace Committee, Aug. 2004 – May 2005

University Activities and Honors

- Education Council, Aug. 2001 – May 2002 – Fundraising Committee Chair
 - o I created and ran two major fundraising events throughout the year, bringing in significant revenue. I left the position with a surplus for the following year.
- Women in Psychology, Aug. 1999 – Dec. 2001
- Habitat for Humanity, Aug. 2001 – Dec. 2001
- La Tertulia (English/Spanish Language Club), Jan. 2001 – Dec. 2001
- Salvation Army, Feb. 2000 – May 2000
- Study Abroad: Syracuse University, Madrid, Spain, Aug. 2000 – Dec. 2000
- University Honors: Fall 1999, Spring 2000, Spring 2002

Technology Use and Experiences

I enjoy integrating technology into my students' classroom experience.

- Proficient in all Microsoft Office
- Digital video editing (create student movies)
- Designed my own webpage
- Proficient in iLife Suite programs
- Proficient in both Mac and PC formats

Recommendations

Pamela Gray – Principal, Allan Elementary School, Austin, Texas

Lori May – Assistant Principal, Allan Elementary School, Austin, Texas

Carl Hooker – Curriculum Specialist, Allan Elementary School, Austin, Texas

Carole Hudson – Reading First Coach, Allan Elementary School, Austin, Texas

Online Portfolio

Please visit my website to learn more about my teaching experiences and qualifications. You will find my complete portfolio on the website.

Recommendations, original lessons, student work and my contact information are all available at: <http://melissalaz.tripod.com>

I am also registered online with Missouri Regional Education Applicant and Placement Program (MOREAP) at <http://www.moreap.net>