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"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere." Chinese Proverb

How exciting...bestowing the gift of knowledge, and helping students to grow as life-long learners! I believe my various (and quite unique) teaching experiences would greatly benefit your school and student body toward that end.

I've always carried with me certain beliefs, in my variety of experiences:

- Teaching second grade at Brecknock Elementary, Denver, Pennsylvania
- teaching kindergarten at a public school in Pennsylvania
- teaching **first grade** at the International School of Johannesburg in South Africa AND at a private, orthodox Jewish school near Atlanta
- serving as a paraprofessional for ESOL near Atlanta
- working as a Reading Specialist in Delaware...

I believe we must round out the whole child in a safe, warm environment where mistakes can be made. I believe working as a team while learning from each other makes us strong. And I believe we CAN take our roles as facilitator and learner very seriously while also approaching our goals with joy!

As my students explore all areas of the curriculum, they find themselves in an amazing environment of exploration, individualized instruction, and meaningful integration. I always have HIGH expectations for all my students, and insist that they recognize their capabilities. I love being eclectic with my instruction and encourage my students to try new things without fear. In my most recent position, I used technology for assessment/pre/post testing, as well as for improving student achievement (Achieve 3000, Raz Kids, Star Reading and Math, etc.). We used leveled books and activities, grouping, and rotational learning to differentiate instruction. A special block of time was utilized at the beginning of the day for intervention.

On a personal note, let me delve further into my experience teaching overseas. The exposure to other cultures and the chance to teach in such a unique school further increased my confidence and compassion and greatly benefitted me as a person. I became even more flexible and willing to think outside the box. Teaching in another country, in a new culture, gives you a perspective on life in and out of the classroom like nothing else can!

In conclusion, let me say how appreciative I would be to be considered for an opening as a classroom teacher or instructional assistant. I would love to use my dedication, positive attitude, and ENTHUSIASM to serve in any way that would benefit your students!