

Olivia Church

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience with ages K-6, as well as experience in mixed age classrooms
- Competent using classroom technology (virtual classrooms, digital storytelling, and synchronous learning) to meet the current needs of students
- Experienced teaching in a responsive classroom environment

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education (Grades K-6)

December 2014

Concordia University, St. Paul, MN

GPA 3.7 (cumulative), Dean's List, Cum Laude

4-year Scholastic Honor Roll (CSP Women's Golf)

Teaching/Study Abroad: Student Teacher, Dublin Ireland

October-December 2013

Minnesota Certifications: Minnesota Teaching License, Early Childhood-Middle Childhood

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Grade 1 Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Lincoln Elementary, Elk River, MN

January 2015-Present

- Effectively transitioned into the first grade position during a 12-week maternity leave
- Collaborated with ELL, speech, gifted/talented, and Reading Corps teachers to effectively support student goals and achievements in the classroom
- Adopted leadership roles within the first grade team, as well as within the school
- Followed the pacing calendar and district curriculum, including Math Expressions, Benchmark Literacy, and FOSS
- Assessed students in all subject areas for second quarter report cards by utilizing individual literacy and math performance guidelines
- Regularly communicated with parents via email, parent letters/flyers, and welcomed phone calls and appointments/meetings to discuss their child's progress

Grade 2 Student Teacher, Lily Lake Elementary, Stillwater, MN

August-October 2014

- Organized and prepared classroom before the start of the school year
- Designed an original unit on insects using live mealworms to allow student observation of mealworm environment and eating habits
- Utilized Harcourt reading series, literacy centers, Math Expressions, FOSS materials
- Taught district curriculum, while developing original units of instruction
- Managed a classroom independently and prepared lessons for a week of solo teaching
- Collaborated with cooperating teacher, as well as the second grade team of three teachers
- Volunteered for carpool duty, walkers patrol, and assisting in the fall musical

Grade 5/6 Student Teacher, Holy Family National School, Dublin, Ireland

October-December 2013

- Incorporated culturally relevant pedagogy, stemming from original social studies lessons on culture and creating Venn Diagrams of American culture compared to Irish culture
- Conducted an original integrated unit for literacy and social studies using an American tall tales and folklore theme, utilizing Reader's Theater lessons
- Created and taught lessons on writing a friendly letter, and organized pen pals with my former second grade students from Lily Lake Elementary in Stillwater, MN
- Created and taught lessons on American culture using *Know Your USA*, an interactive software program
- Organized and created individual sharing opportunities on a daily basis for students to discuss specific aspects of their culture with the class
- Adapted to the Irish school culture of flexibility and differentiation

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ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Grade 5 Pre-Student Teacher**, Afton/Lakeland Elementary, Stillwater, MN February-May 2013
- Created and taught an integrated language arts/social studies unit on Westward Expansion
 - Taught new concepts using unique metaphors to implement new ideas
- Pre-student Teaching** Grade 3/4, Rutherford Elementary, Stillwater, MN September-December 2012
- Created and taught several lessons in reading, math, and writing in a semi-open school
 - Collaborated with team teachers
- Observer and Assistant** Grade 2, Willow Lane Elementary, White Bear Lake, MN January-April 2012
- Worked with students with special needs including Autism, ADD, and hearing impaired
 - Created a personal profile of a student with a hearing impairment by using a disability checklist

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Personal Care Attendant**, Metropolitan Center for Independent Living, Stillwater, MN June 2011-Present
- Provided day-to-day care to allow and promote independency for a mother of three with significant physical disabilities
- Hostess**, J.D. Hoyt's, Minneapolis, MN 2011-Present
- WBL High School Soccer Coach**, White Bear Lake, MN Fall 2014
- Head coach of the White Bear Lake Girls B-Squad Soccer Team (Sophomore Team)
- Nanny**, Hughes Family, White Bear Lake, MN June-August 2012
- Nanny**, Juettner Family, White Bear Lake, MN Spring 2009, Summer 2012

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- Diversity Book Club**, *The Power of Talk: How Words Change Our Lives*, Lincoln Elementary 2014-Present
- Grade 1 Classroom Volunteer**, Lincoln Elementary, White Bear Lake, MN 2013
- Classroom Partnership Exchange**, Office of Equity and Integration, Stillwater Area School District 2012
- Volunteer Youth Soccer Camp Coach**, White Bear Lake, WI 2010-2012
- Sunday School Assistant**, White Bear Lake, MN 2009