

Cory Puskala

PreK-5 All Subject Areas

Objective

To obtain a teaching position in which I can create a structured, developmentally appropriate, and curriculum rich classroom where students become active learners who take pride in their work and their accomplishments.

Education

2010-2012	Michigan State University Master of Arts in Education Concentration Area: Special Education 27 Credits Completed GPA: 3.85	Online Program
2007 – 2008	Michigan State University Teacher Certification Internship Year Post-Baccalaureate GPA: 3.75	East Lansing, MI
2004 – 2007	Michigan State University Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education Disciplinary major: Language Arts	East Lansing, MI
1998 – 2002	Forest Hills Central High School	Grand Rapids, MI

Certification

- Michigan, Professional License K - 5 All Subject Areas
- Ohio, Professional License Prek - 5 All Subject Areas
- Kentucky, Professional License K - 5 All Subject Areas
- American Red Cross
- MLPP

Teaching Related Experience

2012-Present **Taylor Mill Elementary School, Covington, KY**

Read to Achieve Teacher

- Grant funded program
- Focuses on intensive reading interventions for struggling readers

2009-2012 **Taylor Mill Elementary School, Covington, KY**

Teacher in a First Grade Classroom

- Created a structured classroom environment with rules, routines and expectations
- Delivered diverse instruction to students with varying abilities in the classroom
- Followed curriculum based programs aligned with Common Core Standards, such as Houghton Mifflin, Everyday Math, Math in Focus, and Orton Gillingham
- Completed Kentucky Internship Program (KTIP), a mentor program for new teachers
- Worked on the KYCID and Professional Development committees for Taylor Mill Elementary

- 2008 – 2009 **Laurel Park Elementary School, Apex, NC**
Lead Teacher in a Full Day Kindergarten Classroom
- Used running records to best guide student reading instruction
 - Followed curriculum based programs aligned with NC standard course of study, such as Houghton Mifflin, Trailblazers, and Harcourt
 - Became an active member of the school community, participating in professional development, fundraising activities, and the school improvement committee
 - Collaborated with staff members in professional learning communities and grade level meetings to plan for instruction
 - Participated in Kid Talk discussions to plan research based interventions for at-risk children

Internship

- 2007 – 2008 **Attwood Elementary School, Lansing, MI**
Michigan State University Year Long Internship – Kindergarten
- Co-taught and planned with collaborating teacher in order to develop instructional practices.
 - Independently planned, implemented and assessed curriculum based lessons and units for literacy, math, science, and social studies.
 - Independently carried out teacher responsibilities over a two-month lead teaching period.
 - Assessed student growth and conducted parent-teacher conferences.

Field Experience

- 2006 – 2007 **Elliot Elementary School, Holt, MI**
Michigan State University Senior Year Field Experience – 2nd grade
- Created and implemented lessons in the subject areas of: science, social studies, math, and literacy.
 - Reflected on lesson plans taught and their effectiveness to yield the desired learning goal.
- 2005 **Mt. Hope Elementary, Lansing, MI**
Michigan State University Junior Year Field Placement – Kindergarten
- Worked with students one-on-one in the classroom.
 - Observed and assessed the development and learning styles of a 5 year old.

Teaching Related Work Experience

- 2009- 2020 **Tutor**
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- After school tutor, focused on reading and math skills with multiple age groups.
- 2007-2008 **Attwood Elementary School**
Tutor
- After school tutor, focused on enhancing reading and writing skills for elementary students.
 - Conducted Pre & Post Test Assessments: Slosson Word Test and DRA.
- 2007 – 2008 **Lansing Public Schools, Lansing, MI**
Substitute Teacher
- Supervised and instructed my placement classroom
 - Performed daily routines and taught planned lessons

Grand Rapids, MI

Professional Development

- June 2012 Math and Language Arts Common Core Standards Training
July 2011 Math in Focus Training and Common Core Standards Training
July 2009 Orton Gillingham Training
February 2009 Partners for Mathematics Learning Modules- Elementary

July 2008 Math Trailblazers Workshop
March 2008 Writing with No Tears Workshop
December 2007 MEA Teacher Rights and Responsibilities, presented by Jeffrey Murphy
November 2007 Smartboard Workshop, presented by Melissa Whato

Personal Interests & Skills

Personal interests include reading, cooking, and sports including running outdoors, soccer, and basketball. Personal skills include the ability to effectively communicate, ability to work successfully on teams and independently, and organized in personal and professional practices.

Awards

ETS Recognition of Excellence Award

Technology

Well trained in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Office Powerpoint. Experience with digital cameras, camcorders, and Photoshop software. Familiar with Kidspiration, Inspiration, Compass Learning and other Children's Software. Trained in Smartboard use and applications.