

LOUIS MARTIN

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TEACHER ASSISTANT (K-3)

~ Versatile ~ Collaborative ~ Organized ~

Ambitious and empathic educational professional with *nine years of solid hands-on classroom experience*. Committed to the cultivation of a well-balanced and supportive learning environment, where each child receives the attention that he/she needs and deserves. Demonstrated capability to provide individualized support, ensuring students' unique goals and needs are accommodated. Excellent communication, interpersonal, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Motivated individual with a true passion for life-long learning. Basic Spanish and American Sign Language; introductory Brail.

Areas of expertise include:

Student Participation ~ Phonics ~ Guided Reading ~ Behaviour Management Support
Student Motivation ~ Use of Manipulatives ~ Developmentally Appropriate Practices
Individualized Support ~ Learning Methodologies ~ Progress Monitoring

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ABC SCHOOL DISTRICT - MOUNTAIN BAY, CA

9/2005 - Present

3rd Grade Teacher Assistant

Provide support to classroom teacher daily and promote planned activities to enhance the emotional, academic and physical development of students. Prepare classroom for lessons; organize materials and locate additional resources. Supervise hands-on activities and participate in educational games. Observe, record, and report to the lead teacher any problems or concerns. Offer one-on-one assistance to children struggling with specific subjects and/or completing assignments. Listen to students read; read to children and tell the class stories. Help keep complete records and portfolios. Chaperone field trips and sports events. Carry out various administrative tasks.

- Assisted with supervising the classroom, ensuring a focused and well-disciplined learning environment at all times.
- Developed a good rapport with children in order to cultivate a creative and encouraging atmosphere.

DEF SCHOOL DISTRICT - MOUNTAIN BAY, CA

9/2001 - 6/2005

2nd Grade Teacher Assistant

Assisted lead teacher with implementing lessons, activities, and manipulatives. Provided extra support to students in the areas of Math, Reading, and Computers. Took over for classroom teacher when necessary. Instructed and led two reading groups, containing students with various reading abilities. Interacted with students, parents, colleagues, and school board members. Collaborated with co-workers to share best practices and resolve academic and disciplinary matters.

- Performed in-depth research to find age-appropriate games for students to play outside; promoted active participation and the improvement of fine- and gross motor skills.
- Collaborated with lead teacher, psychological consultant, and parents to devise and implement methods for calming down a student that was afflicted with behavioral challenges.
- Organized weekly folders and assisted children in writing daily newsletters to send home to their parents, thereby keeping family members up-to-date on the child's academic and personal progress.

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GHI PUBLIC SCHOOLS - LOCATION BAY, CA

9/1997 - 6/2001

Substitute Teacher

Travelled throughout the school district substitute teaching Art, ESL, Math, Computers, and Home Economics. Educated a diverse group of Elementary and High School students. Developed and presented stimulating lessons plans when nothing was left by the teacher; implemented pre-planned lessons in other cases. Adhered to school curriculum and state standards at all times. Performed regular duties of attendance, supervision, discipline, and assessment. Offered praise and assurance to improve students' self-confidence and self-esteem.

- Utilized behavior modification strategies and rewarded positive behavior to maintain a well-disciplined and motivated classroom.
- Incorporated group discussions and hands-on activities to consolidate important concepts, stimulate independent thought and imagination, and foster a fun and social environment.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Arts; Major: Psychology; Minor: Education
State University of Mountain Bay, Mountain Bay, CA, 1997, *Dean's List*, GPA 3.85

CPR, current

Professional Development

Conflict Resolution in the Classroom, Special Education, Technology Integration
Classroom Management, Social & Emotional Learning

Technical Proficiencies

Windows, Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Macintosh, Claris Works, Smart Board

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Volunteer, Walk-for-Cancer, Present

Volunteer, Brownie and Girl Scout Troop, 2007-Present

Chairperson, Chess Club, 2008

Classroom Volunteer, 1st-3rd Grade, 2007-2008

Fundraiser Coordinator, Habitat for Humanity, 2005-2006

"Louis Martin is an extremely positive, enthusiastic, and collaborative Teacher's Assistant, who enjoys sharing and working with students, colleagues, administrators, and parents. He is adaptable and open to trying new ideas and seeks to increase his skills through life-long learning."

— Joe Thompson, Second Grade Teachers/Supervisor, ABC School District