

## **Vanessa L. Leahy**

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### OBJECTIVE

To obtain a teaching position at the elementary level.

### EDUCATION

**Sul Ross State University, Alpine, TX**

**Bachelor of Arts Degree, Interdisciplinary Studies, May 2012**

Texas Certification: Early Childhood- Grade 4 Bilingual Generalist

GPA: 3.5/4.0

Languages spoken: English, Spanish, Italian

### STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Student Teaching, Kindergarten, **Annie Jackson Wilder Elementary School**, Wylie, TX, November 2011 - January 2012

- Planned and implemented age appropriate lesson plans for a collaborative kindergarten classroom
- Implemented a variety of sensory strategies such as frequent movement breaks, swinging, jumping, chewing gum, use of a sitting wedge, therapeutic listening, and deep pressure massage to enhance learning
- Made many adaptations to meet the needs of various students including: strong use of visual schedules and models, highlighter markers, dotted letters, enlarged books, teacher modeling, and behavior charts
- Taught as part of a collaborative group along with a Special Education teacher, Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, and a paraprofessional
- Actively participated in staff development meetings
- Participated in I.E.P meetings
- Lead various Parent/Teacher Conferences

Student Teaching, Grade 5, **Red Smith Elementary School**, Wylie, TX, August 2011 - November 2011

- Planned and implemented age appropriate lesson plans
- Created and implemented a Poetry Unit
- Facilitated and participated in a TRIBES community in the classroom
- Aided fifth grade students in getting prepared for the middle school transition
- Took part in staff development meetings
- Participated in Parent/Teacher Conferences,

### CAREER-RELATED EXPERIENCE

Day Care Teacher, **Bright Beginnings Childcare**, Alpine, TX, 2009-Present

- Plan and implement lesson plans for various age groups
- Supervise children ages birth-12, providing interactive and fun indoor and outdoor activities
- Attend monthly professional development meetings

Grades 3-5 Tutor, **Doty Elementary School**, Alpine, TX, Fall 2008

- Tutored students in grades third through fifth in various subject matter

### ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Stainless Steel Line, **Ansul Fire Protection**, Dallas, TX, Summer 2008

- Completed various tasks on an assembly line to make stainless steel fire extinguishers

Sales Clerk, **The Athlete's Foot**, Wylie, TX, 2006-2008

- Sold athletic supplies, recorded inventory and cleaned and stocked store

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Training - Boys in Crisis, Fall 2011
- Project WILD, Aquatic, and Project Learning Tree Workshop – Certification, Fall 2010

### VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

**Garfield Elementary School**, Fort Davis, TX, 2009-2010

- Provided support in the classroom wherever needed

Girls Night Out – **YMCA**, Ft. Stockton, TX, 2008-2011

- Mentored sixth grade girls in various aspects of life.

### ACTIVITIES/AWARDS

Texas Classroom Teachers Association, 2009-present

Academic Dean's List, 2008-present

Presidential Scholarship (Academic), 2008-present

*Electronic Portfolio, References and Credential File Available Upon Request*