**MARY SMITHSON**

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**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER**

Dedicated and dynamic elementary school teacher with a strong track record of fostering student creativity and enhanced learning. Natural communicator with an interactive, motivational, and “hands-on” instructional style designed to make learning fun. Differentiate instruction to meeting students’ individual needs.

Curriculum Development & Implementation | Lesson Plans & Student Assessments | PowerSchool & Planbook.edu | Problem Solving & Conflict Resolution | Daily Spiritual Teachings & Moments of Prayer | Positive Reinforcement & Behavior Modification

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**St. John Catholic School, Detroit, MI • 5th Grade Teacher • (06/1998) - Present**

Manage class size of up to 29 students for a K-8 faith-based school. Prepare course materials, and develop daily lesson plans. Mentor and guide new teachers. Led Black History reports, educating children on research and development of a formal paper. Apply faith-based teachings according to the Archdiocese of Detroit’s pastoral strategy and mission.

* Managed classroom responsibilities including education, discipline, emergency drills (fire/weather), progress reports, report cards, money and permission slips for field trips, grade recording and collecting/correcting work with and without rubrics.
* Active in extracurricular activities such as Drama –produced two plays a year. Held two after school meetings per week to practice and rehearse. Met with the local theatre company for permission to use their facility for the plays.
* Assisted students with achieving high levels of academic and personal success.

**EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS**

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI • Bachelor of Arts, Social Science

(1998)

Marygrove College, Detroit, MI • Bachelor of Arts, Language Arts

(1994)

Michigan Teaching Certificate, 2024

* (CX) 6-8; (BX) K-8; All Subjects Self Contained Classroom