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PROFILE

Experienced classroom teacher and educational consultant with Master's degree specializing in mathematics and science. Former Orange County Public Schools K – 3 Mathematics Specialist. National Board Certified with a strong background in developing and implementing staff development.

EDUCATION

- MA, Elementary Education: Lockheed Martin/U.C.F. Academy for Science and Mathematics** 1994
University of Central Florida – Orlando, Florida
Action Research Topic: Using a Constructivist Approach to Teach Mathematics
- BS, Elementary Education** 1989
University of South Florida – Tampa, Florida

CERTIFICATIONS, AWARDS, GRANTS

- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, Middle Childhood Generalist** 1999
Walt Disney World's Teacherriffic Award 1991, 1992, 1994, 1998, 2003
- Orange County Teacher of the Year** 1994
- Grants: Darden, Superintendent's, Sharing Success, Grants for Great Ideas, Toni Jennings Exceptional Education Institute**

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- R⁵ in Your Classroom: A Guide to Differentiating Independent Reading and Developing Avid Readers** Newark, DE: International Reading Association. Coauthored with Michelle J. Kelley 2008
- Comprehension Shouldn't Be Silent: From Strategy Instruction to Student Independence** Newark, DE: International Reading Association. Coauthored with Michelle J. Kelley 2007
- Curriculum Connections, reviewer of professional materials** 2004 – present
- School Library Journal, reviewer of children's books** 2004 – present
- Central Florida Family Columnist, covering local education issues** 1996 – 2000

CHILDREN'S BOOKS

- Drag Racing** 2008
- Demolition Derbies** 2008
- Sprint Car Racing** 2008
- Haircuts Don't Hurt** 2007
- What Can You Make** 2007
- What Comes First?** 2007

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Central Florida

Adjunct Instructor for LAE 3414 (Children's Literature), RED 4519 (Literacy Assessment), and RED 4942 (Reading Practicum) 2006 - present

Carillon Elementary

June 2001 - present

- Classroom teacher, grades 3 and 4
- Staff Developer in Algebraic Thinking, Literature Circles, DRA, Words Their Way and Reading Comprehension
- eReader Lead Teacher

Cypress Springs Elementary

June 1995 - 2001

- Classroom teacher, grades 2, 3 and 4
- Staff Developer in Mathematics

Tangelo Park Elementary

June 1990 - 1995

- Teacher grade 2
- Family Service Center Coordinator
- Staff Developer, Mathematics

CONSULTING

Pearson Learning; presented at DRA and Beyond Institutes, reviewed professional materials pre-publication 2005 - 2007

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- International Reading Association
- Florida Reading Association