
Karen Clements

Special Educator/ Montessori Teacher

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SKILLS

I am certified through MEPI to teach in a Lower Elementary classroom. As a Montessori guide I am able to present lessons, perform assessments, communicate with parents and manage a classroom. My Special Education training has helped me learn to create adaptations and modifications for students, write IEPs, conduct parent interviews, collect data to monitor progress, and adapt instruction according to the data collected. I am capable of supporting struggling readers through small group interventions.

EXPERIENCE

I have experience working within an inclusive, Montessori environment. I have presented lessons, performed assessments and collected data. I have communicated with parents and managed a classroom. I have performed parent interviews and developed IEPs based on the student's current levels of performance and the family's preferences. I am experienced in working with students who are struggling readers through one on one or small group tutoring, using the methods designed by the University of Utah Reading Clinic. I currently oversee three assistants and between all of us we co-teach with five classes.

Maria Montessori Academy, North Ogden - *Special Educator*

August 2017- Present

- Co-teaching with general educators within the classroom.
- Writing IEPs
- Performing assessments and designing instruction accordingly

Elizabeth Academy, Salt Lake City - *Teacher with a Special Needs Emphasis*

Sept. 2015 - May 2017

- In this role, I help create and monitor IEP goals.
- I am also a teacher for all students. I present lessons, manage the classroom, report to parents, and perform assessments.

Elizabeth Academy, Salt Lake City - *Assistant*

Aug. 2013 - Sept. 2015

- From 2013 to 2014, I worked as an assistant in the Toddler classroom. I assisted in managing the classroom, communicating with parents, and working with the students.
- From 2014 to 2015, I worked as an assistant in a Lower Elementary Classroom. I taught lessons, assisted with record keeping and parent communication, and managed the classroom.

EDUCATION

American River College, Sacramento, CA - *AA Liberal Arts*

Completed in May, 2010.

Westminster College, Salt Lake - *BA Special Education, Montessori Certification in Lower Elementary*

Will be completed in December, 2017.