

# Lisa Ann Cuestas

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Hermitage Elementary School, Virginia Beach City Public Schools

October 2014 – June 2017

*Third Grade Teacher, PTA*

Virginia Beach, Virginia

- Developed grade-level appropriate curriculum for third grade gifted cluster class using Virginia Beach Standards of Learning
- Communicated to families through ClassDojo, email, phone calls, letters home and frequent parent teacher conferences
- Incorporated daily technology through the use of 1-1 laptop computers, iPads and Promethean board flipcharts
- Taught a diverse group of students and have shown the ability to meet the needs of all learners including twice exceptional, gifted, ESL and special education push in students
- Earned high marks for the quality and creativity of classroom teaching, lesson plans and instructional materials used in teaching diverse subjects (e.g., language arts, mathematics, science, social studies and history)
- Developed and implemented Problem Based Learning tasks
- Chosen by administrators to remediate 9 third grade students to retake math SOL test
- Attended district wide meetings, shared and demonstrated math curriculum with third grade team as the math lead
- Focused on improving working conditions and fostering a culture of respect and happiness among all staff and students as the school wide Joy Ambassador

### Endeavour Elementary School, Davis School District

August 2013 – May 2014

*First Grade Teacher, PTA*

Kaysville, Utah

- Developed grade-level appropriate curriculum using Utah Common Core
- Lead classroom instruction to 23 students in all subject areas: reading, writing, math, social studies and science
- Class scored 93% on Language Arts CRT test, and 96% on Math CRT test
- Worked closely with speech-language pathologist for a language referral, and continued assistance with another student
- Monitored behavior of two students while working closely with vice principal and school child psychologist, to get the students needed help and support
- Demonstrated exceptional team work when planning curriculum, team goal setting, and designing a new homework system
- Incorporated technology into daily curriculum through use of iPads, Interwrite board and computers
- Conducted a successful small group reading intervention Monday-Thursday with 1-4 low students
- Incorporated a plant grow lab into the classroom curriculum with support of Red Butte Gardens
- Participated in planning a school wide family science night

### Oak Hills Elementary School, Davis School District

September 2012 – February 2013

*Student teacher, AmeriCorps*

Bountiful, Utah

- Taught both AM and PM kindergarten class with a total of 41 students including 1 student with ADHD, 7 students in speech, 1 student with sensory processing disorder, and 3 students in special education
- Taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class of 23 students including 1 student in special education, and 2 students in speech
- Used Utah Common Core in planning developmentally appropriate, leveled, and engaging lessons
- Completed second term parent-teacher conferences for kindergarten
- Effectively used Interwrite board in the literacy block to implement district wide daily blending routines, letters, and words
- Communicated with parents through e-mails, phone calls, and conferences
- Helped plan and carry out an individual behavior plan with two students
- Created, sent home, and graded homework packets weekly for kindergarten
- Planned and implemented a unit on the pledge of allegiance and symbols of the United States for kindergarten
- Planned and implemented a unit on government understanding rights and responsibilities of citizens for third grade

## EDUCATION

### B.S., Human Development & Family Studies – Early Childhood Education

May 2013

*University of Utah*

Salt Lake City, Utah

- Dean's List for 3 semesters

### A.S., General Studies

December 2011

*Salt Lake Community College*

Taylorsville, Utah

- Co-president of the Utah Association for the Education of Young Children – Salt Lake Community College Campus Affiliate

## CERTIFICATIONS

- *Virginia Early Childhood Teaching License (PREK-3)*
- *Utah Early Childhood Teaching License (PREK-3)*

July 2014

May 2013 – June 2016