Benjamin Collins

Kindergarten Teacher

Kindergarten teacher with 7 years of experience delivering differentiated reading instruction, preparing IEP documentation, and using data to plan lessons using Seesaw and SmartBoard. Passed the Praxis Subject Assessment and conducted 38 to 47 parent-teacher conferences each year across two lead teaching roles, sharing individualized student goals and work samples with families.

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Education

BS in Elementary Education
Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN
2015 – 2019

Key Skills

- Common Core State Standards Alignment
- Differentiated Reading Instruction
- SmartBoard
- Seesaw
- Gradebook Software
- Formative and Summative Assessment
- IEP Documentation
- Phonics and Guided Reading
- Classroom Management
- Parent Communication

Professional Experience

Kindergarten Teacher | Patoka Creek Elementary School, Jasper, IN
2022 – Present

- Facilitated 11 small-group sessions per week targeting phonemic awareness, sight words, and guided reading for groups of 3 to 5 students drawn from a class of 21.
- Raised end-of-year literacy assessment scores by 29 points on average across the class by adapting reading instruction to each student's Seesaw portfolio data.
- Scheduled and conducted 47 parent-teacher conferences per year, sharing student work samples and individualized goals during 20-minute meetings.
- Documented progress toward IEP goals for 6 students, submitting updated notes every 14 days to the MTSS team.

Kindergarten Teacher | Mill Creek Academy, Ferdinand, IN
2020 – 2022

- Led 9 small-group sessions per week using SmartBoard phonics games and decodable readers, lifting class-wide literacy scores by 23 points on the fall-to-spring benchmark.
- Held 38 parent-teacher conferences each school year, preparing individualized handouts that outlined reading levels and next-step goals for each child.
- Established clear learning objectives for 5 thematic units per quarter and communicated them to families through weekly Seesaw updates, averaging 4 posts per week.

Assistant Kindergarten Teacher | Dubois Valley Primary School, Huntingburg, IN
2019 – 2020

- Instructed students individually during 7 small-group reading rotations per week, helping the lead teacher track fluency gains for 22 children in spreadsheet software.
- Compiled literacy assessment data for 19 students each quarter, entering scores into gradebook software within 2 days of test administration.
- Prepared hands-on materials for daily math and science centers, cutting setup time from 35 minutes to 18 minutes per morning.

Certifications

- Praxis Subject Assessment, ETS, 2019