**Sammy Bearkat**

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**OBJECTIVE**

Creative problem-solver seeking a Special Education Teacher position at the elementary school level to provide students with the opportunity to grow and achieve through lessons and activities based on each student's learning needs.

**EDUCATION**

**Sam Houston State University**, Huntsville, TX

*Bachelor of Science, Education, Early Childhood-6th Grade* May 2024

GPA: 3.65 (optional)

Memberships: National Science Teachers Association, Southern Early Childhood Association

**CERTIFICATIONS / TExES EXAMS**

Early Childhood – 6th Grade Educational Core Subjects (Pending June 2024)

Special Education Early Childhood-12th Grade (Passed March 2024)

Science of Teaching Reading (Passed May 2024)

English as a Second Language Supplemental (Pending July 2024)

**STUDENT TEACHING AND FIELD EXPERIENCE**

**Spring Creek Elementary School**, College Station ISD College Station, TX

*Student Teacher, Third Grade: 25 students, including 6 with IEPs* January 2024 – May 2024

* Designed an inquiry-based social studies lesson where students used primary-source documents to explore the right guaranteed by the First Amendment
* Created learning centers and bulletin boards to reinforce science concepts, including photosynthesis, rocks and minerals, and cellular respiration
* Adapted lesson plans and curriculum to online education platform due to COVID-19 outbreak

*Field Experience, First Grade: 24 students, including 2 with IEPs* October 2023 - December 2023

* Directed students through a writing activity, “I Wish I Were a Butterfly Because…,” that resulted in composing a class book
* Administered and scored an Individualized Reading Inventory and a Standardized Reading Inventory
* Guided students in generating a class graph with a Halloween theme based on measuring candy corn levels

**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

**Girl Scouts of America** Huntsville, TX *Camp Counselor* Summers 2022 & 2023

* Monitored the safety and well-being of 35 girls, ages 10-13, during daily camp activities
* Planned interactive activities, including scavenger hunts, to meet the social and physical needs of campers
* Communicated with parents and staff members to ensure events scheduled were conducted on time

**St. Mary’s Middle School** Huntsville, TX

*Individual Tutor* August 2021 – May 2022

* Provided one-on-one instruction for 6th grade students on math and science topics
* Supplemented classroom instruction with structured problems to reinforce course content
* Raised students’ math and science grades from C+ to A through weekly, tailored instruction

**HONORS & ACTIVITIES**

* SHSU Dean’s List, Fall 2021-Fall 2022, Fall 2023-Spring 2024
* Charles Butt Scholarship for Aspiring Teachers, Fall 2021
* SHSU Bilingual Education Student Organization (BESO), President, August 2022 – June 2024
* Huntsville Food Bank, Volunteer, May 2021– December 2023