JULIAN MERCER

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Elementary School Teacher with 8+ years in grades 2 to 3 in large urban districts. Builds warm, structured classrooms, teaches reading and math using clear data, and partners with families and specialists to help every student make steady progress.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Third Grade Teacher Aug 2021 - Present
Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, IL

- Teach all core subjects to 26 third graders, planning daily lessons aligned to state standards and the district curriculum.
- Run small-group reading rotations based on fall, winter, and spring assessments, moving 78% of students to grade-level fluency by year end.
- Use weekly exit tickets and unit checks to adjust instruction in math, reteaching concepts to targeted groups within two days.
- Set classroom routines and a positive-behaviour system that reduced office referrals from my room to fewer than three per year.
- Hold family conferences twice a year and send weekly updates, keeping families informed about progress and home-support strategies.
- Mentor a student teacher each spring and lead grade-level planning meetings for a team of four teachers.
- Lead a weekly morning-meeting routine that builds community, and track student attendance and wellbeing concerns for the school counsellor.

Second Grade Teacher Aug 2018 - Jun 2021
Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles, CA

- Taught 24 second graders in a bilingual community, using visuals and partner talk to support English learners in every lesson.
- Introduced daily phonics and writing workshops, improving average narrative-writing rubric scores by one level over the school year.
- Collaborated with the reading specialist and school counsellor to create support plans for students needing extra help.
- Organised a family reading night each semester that drew about 60 families and built a classroom lending library.
- Integrated hands-on science projects with math and literacy to give students real practice explaining their thinking.
- Served on the school's literacy committee, helping choose supplemental readers and sharing phonics routines with kindergarten and first-grade teachers.

CORE SKILLS

Lesson planning | Classroom management | Differentiated instruction | Reading instruction | Math instruction | Formative assessment | Family communication | English learner support | Data-driven teaching | Positive behaviour support | Google Classroom | Team planning | Student mentoring | Standards alignment

EDUCATION

B.A. in Elementary Education, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA

CERTIFICATIONS

Multiple Subject Teaching Credential, state teaching certification | Bilingual Authorization (Spanish) | CPR and First Aid