JULIAN MERCER

PRESCHOOL TEACHER

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Preschool Teacher with 5+ years guiding children ages 3 to 5 through play-based learning, early literacy, and social skills. Creates safe, nurturing classrooms, observes and documents development, and keeps families closely informed and involved in their child's growth.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lead Preschool Teacher Aug 2022 - Present
KinderCare Learning Centers, Denver, CO

- Lead a classroom of 16 four-year-olds with one assistant, planning daily routines that balance play, stories, music, and outdoor time.
- Plan weekly themes aligned to state early learning standards, with activities that build early literacy, counting, and fine-motor skills.
- Observe and document each child's development through photos and notes, using the records to guide plans and parent conferences.
- Hold parent conferences twice a year and send daily updates, sharing simple activities families can try at home.
- Guide children through conflict and sharing using calm language and visual cues, creating a positive and predictable classroom.
- Maintain licensing standards for ratios, health, and safety, passing every state inspection during my tenure without citations.

Preschool Teacher Jun 2020 - Jul 2022
Bright Horizons, Boulder, CO

- Taught a class of 14 three-year-olds, introducing letters, shapes, and early counting through hands-on activities and songs.
- Supported children with separation anxiety and new routines, partnering with parents on gradual, comforting drop-off plans.
- Created sensory and dramatic-play centres that raised engagement and encouraged language during independent play.
- Followed health and sanitation routines during illness seasons, helping to keep the classroom open and families informed.
- Collaborated with the center director and fellow teachers on monthly family events and seasonal celebrations.

Teaching Assistant Aug 2019 - May 2020
YMCA Early Learning Center, Fort Collins, CO

- Assisted a lead teacher with circle time, snack, and nap routines for a classroom of 15 toddlers and preschoolers.
- Prepared art and learning materials each week and kept the classroom clean, organised, and welcoming for children.
- Completed early childhood coursework while working, earning a Child Development Associate credential.

CORE SKILLS

Play-based learning | Early literacy | Classroom management | Child development | Lesson planning | Developmental observation | Parent communication | Positive guidance | Health and safety | Licensing compliance | Sensory activities | Social-emotional learning | Music and movement | Teamwork

EDUCATION

A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education, Front Range Community College, Fort Collins, CO

CERTIFICATIONS

Child Development Associate (CDA) Credential | Colorado Early Childhood Teacher Qualification | Pediatric CPR and First Aid