

TAYLAR B. CLEMENTS

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EDUCATION

- Ed.D. In Progress; Curriculum and Instruction, University of Central Florida,
Anticipated Completion, May, 2010
- M.A. Elementary Education, University of Florida, May 2004
- B.A. Elementary Education, University of Florida, May 2003
Outstanding 4-Year University Scholar; Commencement Speaker

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Professional Teacher License in Elementary Education (K-6) for the state of Florida
ESOL Endorsement
Reading Endorsement

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2008 *Visiting Instructor, Reading and Language Arts*
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Department of Teaching and Learning Principles
- Courses Taught include Basic Foundations of Reading and Literature for Children
 - HAPPY Hour Pre-service Professional Development Committee Member
- 2007-2008 *Intermediate Literacy Specialist.*
Rainbow Elementary, Winter Springs, FL
Seminole County Public Schools
- Scheduled and implemented school-wide reading professional development
 - Provided coaching as needed for 3rd-5th grade teachers
 - Taught model lessons in 3rd-5th grade classrooms
 - Developed classroom fluency program and trained all classes in grades 2-5
 - Planned and implemented monthly Literacy Make & Take workshops for grades K-5

- Administered all reading assessments used at school site (DIBELS, SRI, DAR, DRA, PASI, PSI); Assisted teachers in interpreting assessment results and determining instructional implications
- Provided intervention for students in grades 3-5
- Implemented pilot *Words Their Way* program in 10 classrooms in grades 3-5

2004-2007

Public School Teacher, 3rd grade.

Rainbow Elementary, Winter Springs, FL

Seminole County Public Schools

- Taught all subjects in SLD inclusion model classroom (2 years)
- Co-teaching model (2 years)
- Technology Committee Chair
- Math Superstars instructor trainer
- After-school tutorial teacher for at-risk students
- Designed and implemented integrated thematic units
- Instituted portfolio-based assessment practices
- Administered progress monitoring assessments

June, 2007

Summer School Teacher, 3rd grade

Rainbow Elementary, Winter Springs, FL

Seminole County Public Schools

- Taught Voyager Reading Intervention program

June, 2006

Summer School Teacher, ESOL.

Keeth Elementary, Winter Springs, FL

Seminole County Public Schools

- Taught grades K-5 ESOL students
- Planned and implemented differentiated instruction for all components of reading

June, 2005

Summer School Teacher, 3rd grade.

Rainbow Elementary, Winter Springs, FL.

Seminole County Public Schools

- Taught third-grade at-risk students
- Provided differentiated instruction to students with 3 year difference in independent reading levels
- Planned and implemented model guided reading lessons for all summer school teachers

Jan. 2005-
Apr. 2005

Saturday School Teacher, 3rd-5th grade.

Wilson Elementary, Sanford, FL

Seminole County Public Schools,

- Taught reading and math to at-risk students in grades 3-5
- Provided targeted remediation through the use of flexible small grouping

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2003-present *Co-President, Seminole Reading Council.*
- Planned and orchestrated monthly county-wide reading events
 - Collaborated with neighboring counties
 - Planned and provided county-wide professional development
- 2007-present *“Let’s Read, Seminole” Summer Reading Initiative Chairperson*
- Responsible for *Process & Implementation* committee at district level
 - Designed program kick-off and materials
 - Presented program to all district principals
- 2007-2008 *Metacognitive Teaching Framework Reading Cadre Participant*
- Working with authors Michelle Kelley & Nicki Clausen-Grace to learn and implement Metacognitive Teaching Framework, as introduced in their book *Comprehension Shouldn't Be Silent: From Strategy Instruction to Student Independence*
 - Train the Trainer model
- 2004-2006 *Florida Reading Association Conference Chairperson.*
- Coordinated hospitality for author luncheon
 - Orchestrated speaker background development and introductions
- 2005-2006 *Math Superstars Alignment Chair.*
- Rewrote and formatted third-grade and fourth-grade Math Superstars enrichment program in alignment with Seminole County scope and sequence and FCAT tested items and presentation
 - Distributed and introduced revised Math Superstars program for other Seminole and Volusia county schools for grades 3 and 4
- 2005 *Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference Presenter*
- Prepared and delivered presentation: *Meaningful Math: Developing Centers to Enrich Students’ Mathematical Understanding*, prepared for math educators in grades 3-5
- 2006 *Professional Development Trainer.* Prepared and delivered presentation: *Integrating Vocabulary Strategies with Technology* to teachers from Rainbow Elementary
- 2007 *Florida Council on Elementary Education Conference Presenter.* Preparing and delivering presentation: *Making the Connection: Pairing PowerPoint with Meaningful Literacy Instruction*

2007 *Florida Council on Elementary Education Conference Presenter. Preparing and delivering presentation: Making the Connection: PowerPoint Applications that Promote Student Success*

2007 *American Psychological Association Researcher/Accepted Presenter*
San Francisco, CA;
▪ Original research entitled: *The Effect of Self-Explanation on the Procedural and Conceptual Understanding of Mathematical Equivalence in Third-Grade Students* accepted for presentation (unable to attend)

PUBLICATIONS

Clements, T. (2007). Staggering statistics: The emergence of descriptive statistics content in elementary mathematics curricula and suggested applications, *Dimensions in Mathematics*

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Clements, T. (2006). *Meaningful math: Developing centers to enrich students' mathematical understanding*. (submitted to *Dimensions in Mathematics*, publication of FCTM)

INVITED ADDRESSES

2003 University of Florida Commencement; Outstanding 4-year scholar

MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

American Educational Research Association
Seminole Reading Council
Florida Reading Association
International Reading Association
Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics