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Mission	To inspire young children in discovering their own <i>unique human potential</i> through an engaging and nurturing classroom environment where all children feel supported and valued as individuals as they become successful members of society and <i>life-long learners</i> .	
Teaching Experience	<p>LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER DIRECTOR, P.E. and ART TEACHER Barnsdale Road LaGrange District 102, LaGrange IL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Update, organize, and <i>maintain a new school library</i> based on District curriculum, I-SAIL, teacher input, and student interests○ Develop physical education and art activities directly linked to Kindergarten state standards and <i>core curriculum</i> in the general education classroom○ Collaborate with key professionals to design props, background, and live feed during Spring Music Concerts○ Present to staff about innovative technology tools and software○ Member of District Technology Committee, 21st Century Skills, and Wellness Committee	2009-present
	<p>KINDERGARTEN TEACHER Barnsdale Road LaGrange District 102, LaGrange IL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Helped develop new learning techniques that apply to the district's first full day Kindergarten Program○ Incorporated <i>21st Century Skills</i> and Project Based Learning into classroom lessons○ Worked side by side with resource teacher, teammate, and paraprofessional to ensure the needs of all students were met	2008-2009
	<p>SECOND GRADE TEACHER Cossitt LaGrange District 102, LaGrange, IL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Created <i>differentiated lessons</i> and activities to meet the needs of my students○ Facilitated an inclusive environment where <i>adaptations</i> to the teaching were required-worked with resource teacher and paraprofessionals to make proper modifications○ Incorporated SEL into daily activities and lessons○ Administered <i>PLATO</i> reading and mathematics online assessments○ Member of the Technology Committee	2007-2008
	<p>FIRST GRADE TEACHER Sunset Hills Pekin District 108, Pekin, IL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Educated children with the <i>Arkansas Comprehensive Literacy</i> model created by Dr. Linda Dorn combined with authors Debbie Miller, Debbie Diller and Linda Hoyt○ Planned and implemented <i>standards-based lesson plans</i> aligned with Illinois State Standards○ Developed <i>thematic units</i> based on students interests while still adhering to state standards○ Utilized <i>technology</i> as a teaching tool○ Conducted extensive small group and one-on-one, <i>individualized</i> reading and writing conferences○ Developed an <i>Observable Reading Behaviors Continuum</i> with a committee of grade level teachers, resource teachers and literacy coaches	2004-2007

	THIRD GRADE TEACHER Hartsburg Emden Community Unit District 21, Hartsburg, IL <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Managed teacher responsibilities for a class of 26 students during a maternity absence of full time teacher○ Administered <i>Iowa</i> and <i>ISAT tests</i>○ Assumed full responsibility for <i>planning</i>, teaching and <i>assessing</i>○ Utilized formal and informal <i>authentic assessment techniques</i> along with traditional types of assessments	Jan-June 2004
	SUBSTITUTE TEACHER Hartsburg Emden Community Unit District 21, Hartsburg, IL	Nov-Jan 2004
Education	OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY Masters of Arts in Education: Library Information Specialist Certification: K-12 Library Endorsement	August 2013
	AUGUSTANA COLLEGE, Rock Island, IL Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education Certification: Kindergarten to Grade 9 with a concentration in art	November 2003
Study Abroad	Summer Spanish Program in the Andes <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Studied history, culture, and literature in Ecuador and Peru.	Summer 2001
Military	SECURITY FORCES SPECIALIST United States Air National Guard and Active Duty Air Force <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Charlie Fire Team Leader○ Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC) of the main gate○ Tactical Automated Security Systems (TASS) Administrator○ Morale and Welfare Committee○ Unit Fitness Program Manager Alternate for the 182 SFS○ Unit Awards and Decoration Monitor Alternate○ Unit Records Custodian Alternate for the 182 SFS○ Deployed overseas for <i>Operation Enduring Freedom</i> and <i>Noble Eagle</i>	1998-2005
Awards Received	<i>Who's Who Among American Teachers</i> <i>Academic Dean's List</i> , Augustana College National Dean's List <i>Founders Academic Scholarship</i> , Augustana College USKK National Champion Camp Snoopy's Top Performer, Qatar Air Force Base Air Force <i>Achievement</i> and <i>Commendation Medals</i> Editor's Choice Award, SAGA Magazine	
Technology Proficiencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Professional website</i> available online at www.kamispatzek.com○ Proficient in <i>Microsoft Office</i> applications and webpage design○ Training in <i>digital cameras</i>, digital video cameras and <i>Symbaloo</i>○ Utilize <i>District Wiki</i> and <i>Google Docs</i> as means of collaboration with staff○ Extensive training in <i>United Streaming</i> and <i>CCC! Video on Demand</i> to enhance thematic units with media clips○ Developed interactive learning activities utilizing computers○ Familiar with <i>SMART Technologies</i> and handheld Senteos	

