

Nadia Zapka

Seeking to make a profound impact on the lives of young children and our community through education. Cultivating a learning atmosphere ruled by compassion, understanding, and tolerance.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Bluebird Literacy LLC — Owner, Private Orton–Gillingham Tutor

JUNE 2023 - PRESENT

Building a strong, caring relationship with students as a foundation for doing what often feels most challenging for them – Growing students' literacy skills through the O.G. lesson – Creating games and activities through the O.G. lens that are engaging and meet students' instructional needs – Communicating with families about student growth and the OG approach through formal reports and informal conversations – Answering parent questions, reassuring concerns, helping them find appropriate literacy resources – Creating online activities on platforms such as Seesaw for virtual sessions – Scheduling sessions, invoicing, tracking expenses by using organizational tools in Google Suite

The Carroll School, Waltham, MA — 4th Grade Language Teacher, Orton–Gillingham Tutor

AUGUST 2021 - JUNE 2023

Creating a safe place for all students to learn through clear expectations, positive reinforcement, consistency – Planning curriculum and creating materials that are accessible to all students – Working to understand the wide-ranging needs of all children in my class by establishing close relationships built on trust, understanding, and patience – Generating and working with small groups to better target student academic needs and personal interests – Developing strategies and a management style to help maintain a positive classroom culture – Building relationships with families so that we may work as a team to ensure the success of every child – Collaborating with other educators in the school community to aid in the cycle of learning, reflecting, and growing as an educator – Participating and learning through Professional Development opportunities

Fay School, Southborough, MA — 3rd Grade Teacher

JULY 2018 - JULY 2021

Blackstone Elementary School, Boston, MA — 4th Grade Teacher

AUGUST 2018 - JUNE 2019

EDUCATION

Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA — Master of Arts in Teaching

MAY 2018

University College London, London, England — Masters in Brain and Mind Sciences

SEPTEMBER 2016

with Merit



LICENSES / ENDORSEMENTS

- Orton–Gillingham Associate Certified
- Massachusetts Elementary License
- Sheltered English Immersion Endorsement (SEI)
- Masters of Arts in Teaching

SKILLS

- 2 years research experience, 5+ years child-centered experience
- Reflection-centered practice
- Clear, thoughtful communication
- Collaborating with others respectfully, openly
- Experience with online tools such as Google Suite, Seesaw

LANGUAGES

- Spanish: Speaking fluent, reading and writing proficient
- French: Speaking, reading, and writing proficient

University of Burgundy, Dijon, France — *Bachelors in Psychology*

MAY 2015

with cum laude honors