

Mary Higashi

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EDUCATION

B.A. Elementary Education, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL *anticipated May 2025*
• GPA: 3.73/4.00

License and Endorsements: IL Professional Educator License for Elementary (Gr. 1-6) with ESL and Middle Grades Language Arts (Gr. 5-8) and Special Education (LBS I) Endorsement

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

English Teacher, Jubilee International Preschool, Seika, Japan Summers 2021 - 2023

- Guided students aged 2-6 as primary teacher
- Maintained good rapport among students and parents through clear and concise feedback

Teacher Aide, Lowell Elementary School, Wheaton, IL September - December 2022

- Assisted the cooperating teacher in teaching, grading, and other classroom needs
- Facilitated one-on-ones with students to enhance reading ability

Academic Mentor Marion Park Apartments, Wheaton, IL January - May 2022

- Tutored refugee elementary students in math, reading, and writing
- Organized one-on-ones with students to enhance multi-cultural communication skills

Academic Mentor, Franklin Middle School, Wheaton, IL January - May 2022

- Taught middle school students in reading
- Prepared labs and instructed the students throughout the process

Academic Mentor, Kyoto International University Academy, Kyoto, Japan February 2017 - May 2021

- Instructed an elementary student in English once a week

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Sport Social Media, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL November 2022 - Present

- Update social media during sporting events

Volleyball Coach, Kyoto International University Academy, Kyoto, Japan Summer 2023

- Worked as a technical instructor and women chaperone for week-long high school volleyball camp

Homestay Director, Higashi Household, Kyoto, Japan Summers 2021 - 2023

- Hosted English-speaking opportunities for elementary students at my home

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Proficient in Japanese
- Multi-cultural experience gained through service in Philippines