



An Osborn Education™

Meet Ms. Somer Special Education Teacher

Message from Ms. Somer

Welcome! I am Ms. Somer, a special education teacher here at Encanto Elementary. I teach grades K-3 in a self-contained classroom designed for students with Autism. I have been working with children that have special needs since I was 12 years old. It has been evident for many years that I have chosen the perfect career for myself.

I enjoy teaching a self-contained classroom because I can individualize the instruction and accommodate learning through specialized methods. My teaching focus is on the students' abilities, needs, interests, and social skills. My students, instructional aides, and myself feel very much like a family in this classroom. We learn while having fun everyday!

Year Joined Osborn: 2009

Education

- **B.A.** Arizona State University West, Glendale, Arizona

Credentials/Awards

- Teaching certification in special education
- Teaching certification in general education
- SEI endorsement
- Outstanding Student Graduate Award (2008)
- Summa Cum Laude Graduate (2008)
- Dean's list (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)

Years in Education: 2

Teaching Experience

- Student teacher (.5 years) in CC/SC
 - Madison School District
- Full-time substitute for special education (.5 years)
 - Madison School District
- K-3 special education— Autism/SC (since Aug. 2009)
 - Osborn School District

Did you know...

- Ms. Somer enjoys playing word games.
- Ms. Somer is the parent of a 17 year-old boy.
- Ms. Somer used to work as a banker (for 10 years).
- Ms. Somer wants to someday be a Peace Corp volunteer.

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