

# Samantha BrickerBaar

## Professional Summary

A dedicated educator with a passion for creating a nurturing learning environment that supports students socially, emotionally, and academically. Respected for having high expectations for all students and a strong understanding of the value in meeting students and families where they are and helping them to grow into the best versions of themselves.

"If they learn anything, I hope they will learn to be kind."

## Skills/Strengths

- Classroom management
- Parent/Teacher collaboration
- Social-emotional learning
- Relationship building
- Classroom culture of kindness

## Teaching Experience

### Teacher- grade 2

Ellsworth Elementary School, Ellsworth, MI. 49729

September, 2015 - Present

### Multi-age split Classroom- grades 3/4/5

Ellsworth Elementary School, Ellsworth, MI. 49729

September, 2013 - June, 2014

## Work History

September, 2014-Present

Ellsworth Community Schools

Ellsworth, MI

### 2nd Grade Teacher

Classroom teacher where I have:

- Developed positive relationships with parents, communicating regularly about student progress and classroom happenings
  - Provided individualized support for struggling learners, fostering a growth mindset and boosting confidence in their abilities
  - Participated in professional development opportunities to stay current on educational best practices and improve teaching effectiveness
  - Implemented classroom management strategies that maintained a structured yet nurturing environment conducive to learning
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September-August, 2014

Ellsworth Community Schools

Ellsworth, MI

**Multitgrade/Split Classroom 3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Teacher**

Classroom teacher where I:

- Specialized in math, science and writing
- Team taught and collaborated with a colleague to enhance the learning and growth of our students
- Created a safe learning environment where students could share thoughts, ideas, and feelings

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## Most Relevant Education

Jan. 2011 – May, 2013

**Northern Michigan University**

Marquette, MI

Aug. 2009 – Dec. 2009

### **Bachelor of Arts - Elementary Education**

Minors: Mathematics and Integrated Science

- Awarded Elementary Teacher Education Award
- Honoree of Summa Cum Laude
- Dean's List Fall - 2009, Winter & Fall with a 4.0 - 2011 and 2012
- 3.87 GPA

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Aug. 2010 – Dec. 2010

**North Central Michigan College**

Petoskey, MI

Aug. 2008 – May, 2009

Education and general Education courses

- Credits earned – 41.5

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## Additional Training and Experience

- Future Educator Academy Placement Teacher 2024-2025
- IMSE/Orton Gillingham Trainings - 2022-2024
- The Behavior Code Companion Book Study - 2023
- Mentor Teacher - 2018-2020 and 2021-2023
- K-5 Literacy Essential Trainings and Ellsworth Literacy Training - 2021/2022
- How to Plan Differentiated Reading Instruction Book Study - 2021
- No More Math Fact Fluency Training - 2021
- Tip of the Mitt Teacher Training - 2019-2020
- PBIS Trainings - 2018-2019 and 2021-2022

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## References

See attached reference letters.