

# Katherine Kenner

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## Summary

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I'm an experienced teacher, classically trained in art and art history. I'm licensed to teach art to all ages, early childhood to adult, in Florida and Wisconsin. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the Art Education program of the University of Wisconsin, Stout, where I graduated with honors. I taught art at Our Lady of Peace School in Minneapolis, from 2014 to 2018. I taught kindergarten at Thorp Catholic School in Thorp, Wisconsin, from 2018 to 2020. I'm also a professional photographer, and I used my photography expertise to develop social media programs for both schools.

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## Teaching Experience

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### **Kindergarten Teacher, Thorp Catholic School, Thorp, Wisconsin (2018-2020)**

- Created a kindergarten curriculum from scratch, based on Common Core national standards.
- Used real-world skills to bolster academic concepts. Hands-on lessons included cooking, phone skills, holiday traditions, and social conventions.
- Designed lessons to interest parents, grandparents, and siblings. Scheduled some presentations and events for lunchtime to encourage family participation.
- Developed and implemented running records and critical assessments.
- Differentiated instructions for multiple learning levels. Incorporated digital learning.
- Incorporated American Sign Language and Spanish into lessons, daily routines, and activities.
- Renovated an outdated classroom to appeal to early learners and their parents.
- Garnered excellent reviews from supervisors and district administrators. Earned high performance ratings on all formal and informal observations.

### **Art Teacher, Our Lady of Peace School, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2014-2018)**

- Doubled elementary art program.
- Developed thematic, school-wide units with a focus on life skills and art history.
- Created multi-media presentations, worksheets, visual resources, and assessments.
- Differentiated instructions.
- Ordered, gathered, and maintained studio supplies.
- Actively participated within online communities of art educators.
- Created art with students and decorated for every concert, book fair, and major gathering.
- Spearheaded multiple interdisciplinary units between English, Geography, Spanish and music.
- Served as Art Adventure coordinator for the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

### **Kenner Summer Art Camps**

- 2015 STEAM Camp focused on art in nature and found objects.
- 2016 Eric Carle Art Week combined literacy and art through Eric Carle books.
- 2017 Viking Art Camp highlighted the art, culture, and history of the Vikings in Scandinavia.

## **Covid Classes**

- Innovated and adapted lessons during the Covid pandemic.
- Used social media for some lessons including story times, student shout-outs, and butterfly hatching video updates. Utilized Zoom, Skype, and Bluejeans technology.
- Created paper packets for students, and arranged for parents to pick up and drop off the packets while remaining socially distanced.
- Hand-delivered supplies to some families under quarantine. Decorated doorsteps for birthdays.
- Made remote learning resources developmentally appropriate. Focused on academic necessities, with additional resources like Play-Doh and bubbles to keep students excited and engaged.

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## **Social Media Experience**

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### **Thorp Catholic School and Our Lady of Peace School, Wisconsin and Minnesota**

- Used photos, videos, and graphics to share news and information, build enrollment, boost attendance, and ensure student, family, and alumni satisfaction.
- Took professional photos of students, teachers, and school events.
- Responded to private messages in a timely manner with politeness and professionalism.
- Created and edited video promotions and broadcast live video.
- Designed posters, flyers, and newspaper inserts for print publication.
- Developed social media posts, photos, and graphics for online distribution.
- Used social media to provide emergency updates for faculty, staff, students, and parents, including weather alerts and Covid information.
- Worked closely with faculty, staff, and stakeholders to create content marketing calendars.
- Stickler for deadlines: completed assignments on time and under budget.
- Developed cross-platform graphic standards to maintain branding, identity, and messaging.
- Monitored analytics to improve audience engagement.
- Technical expertise: Photoshop, iMovie, Illustrator, InDesign, and Canva.

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## **Photography Experience**

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### **Professional Photographer, 2008-Present**

### **Photographer's Assistant, 2004-2008**

### **Intern, Fargo Forum newspaper, 2006**

- Weddings, family portraits, business portraits, retail products, news, sports, and special events.
- Technical expertise: Digital and film cameras (primarily Canon), medium-format cameras, and specialized lenses. Proficient shooting in natural light and setting up studio lighting.

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## **Education**

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### **Bachelor of Science in Art Education, University of Wisconsin (2014)**

- Graduated cum laude from the University of Wisconsin, Stout, with a BS in Art Education.
- Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society.
- Art Education Student of the Year finalist, 2014.