

1. I am currently teaching and/or my activities were...

I taught reading, spelling, grammar, and social studies. I also am in charge of getting students to and from other events for example: phy ed, computer lab, music.

2. My schedule next week... (include a detailed teaching / activity schedule)

Monday: Spelling (afternoon), Reading (around 9:30), Social Studies (2:00), Grammar (2:25)

Tuesday: Spelling (morning), Reading (around 9:30)

Wednesday: Spelling (morning), Reading (around 9:30), Social Studies (2:00), Grammar (2:25)

Thursday: Spelling (morning), Reading (around 9:30), Grammar (2:20)

Friday: Spelling (morning), Reading (around 9:30), Social Studies (2:00)

3. Overall this week went... (provide professional, insightful reflections)

This week was interesting because I got to experience parent teacher conference.

Some parents are completely there for children while other parents are not. It was sad to see this first hand because you always see or hear about it.

4. I achieved success this week...

I was "meaner." I held the students to a higher expectation during class time. I did not let the little things (talking) go and instead nipped it in the bud right away. This helps for larger behavior not to occur because the students are aware of what is expected.

5. My challenges this week...

One of the conferences this week was a challenge. Ruth told me after the conferences on Tuesday that the particular conference that had just ended was her hardest in all of the years she has been teaching. I knew from the first five minutes that things were not going to be ending how everyone had hoped. I may have wanted to cry for Ruth during the conference because of some of the things that were said. It was sad to see what some parents would do or say. I know that not all parents are like this but in some cases it will be very challenging. As a teacher you just have to hold your tongue, smile and agree even if you do not agree.

6. I have learned that...

You have to keep it cool in conferences. You cannot blame but instead be sorry for even something you might not have done wrong. This was seen during my conferences. The parents are the main caretakers of their children and as the teacher this can be hard because you might know what could help but that is not your choice to make. You have to respect the parents decisions and try your best to accommodate while in the classroom.

1. I am currently teaching and/or my activities were...

I taught everything this past week.

2. My schedule next week... (include a detailed teaching / activity schedule)

Monday: Reading (morning), Math (morning), spelling, grammar, Social studies (afternoon)

Tuesday: Reading (morning), Math (morning), spelling, grammar, Social studies (afternoon)

Wednesday: Reading (morning), Math (morning), spelling, grammar, Social studies (afternoon)

Thursday: Reading (morning), Math (morning), spelling, grammar, Social studies (afternoon)

Friday: Reading (morning), Math (morning), spelling, grammar, Social studies (afternoon)

3. Overall this week went... (provide professional, insightful reflections)

This week I taught three days because on Thursday and Friday we were at the Science Museum. The field trip was interesting since it was an overnight event. Overall I thought it went smoothly and we did not have any issues. The students all had a blast and learned a lot while we were there. I would recommend it to other people in the future!

4. I achieved success this week...

It might seem strange but I did not lose track of the three boys in my field trip group. The Science Museum is a huge place and there is a lot to see. There were also 5 other schools there besides us so the amount of people was a lot. I was the "chaperone" of three boys in my class and overall it went well. I made it clear to the boys that they could be in certain spots and if they moved they had to come talk to me first. The three of them stayed together for the majority of the time and we were all able to enjoy the trip.

5. My challenges this week...

The field trip was a stay over and because of that we were all together for longer than a school day. You see a different side of students when it is bedtime, dinner time, when they are over tired and etc. Even though I was also extremely tired I had to keep my cool and stay calm. Some students tend to get a little bothersome over time but as the teacher you have to remain calm. This was not the easiest thing but it can be done.

6. I have learned that...

In my future classroom when we go on field trips always plan for an extra chaperone so that I do not have to be tied down to one group. Mrs. Lemmon and Mrs. Howieson were smart (obviously from experience) and made it so they would not have their own group of students. This allowed them to wander from group to group to see everyone

and take pictures. It also made it so that if there was an issue throughout the trip then they were easily available.

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I visited other classrooms this week.

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Middle School Math!!!

3. Overall this week went... (provide professional, insightful reflections)

It was fun to go into other classrooms in the school to sit and observe how other teachers teach. I was able to see grades k through 3 and it was interesting to see the different levels of knowledge from grade to grade. I was also able to help in some classrooms which was fun because I have seen the students in and around the school for the past 12 weeks but didn't get to see them in the classroom setting.

4. I achieved success this week...

I was successful in helping other teachers while being in their classroom. In second grade I helped go around and correct students homework. If the student was confused I had the chance to reteach and help where it was needed. In kindergarten I helped lead one of the reading stations. We listened to a story and then I led a small discussion based on what was in the story. It was fun to see the little minds think about the story and discuss what was read.

5. My challenges this week...

Having to leave my class and Mrs. Lemmon was tough just because we grew close over the past 3 months of being in the room. It will be weird to not see everyone everyday.

6. I have learned that...

When you grow close to a class it can be hard to leave. I cannot even imagine what it will be like when I have my own class in the future and when I have been with them all year long and not just 3 months.