

BLC EDUC495/496 Student Teaching Weekly Reflection

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School: Maple River West Elementary Grade Level(s):5th

Mentor Teacher:Mrs. Shoemaker Week Number:11th

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

In science, the students have been, and will continue to work on their STEAM projects till next Tuesday or so. In math, I have been teaching the students about graphing points on a coordinate grid. For most of the students, it has been a review. For other students, the X-axis and Y-axis was completely new for them.

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

This next week will contain STEAM projects ramping up and coming down the stretch. They will test their projects sometime this week and then we will later have the first graders come in and also try them. For math, we will be continuing to practice for the MCA tests that the students will be taking in May.

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

This week went great. I have made it a point to try a different approach with a difficult student of mine. I eased off of him and instead tried to give him options to do the right things. This strategy actually seemed to work. Now was he on task all the time? No, but he was much more productive than he has been in the past.

3) **I achieved success this week...**

I achieved success this week in redirecting student behavior. Although I do enjoy both of my classes that I teach, at times they are very chatty and sometimes rude. This experience as a whole has provided me great opportunities to practice effective classroom management skills.

My challenges this week...

Was to not get frustrated with students who may not grasp the math concept right away. For most of the students it came extremely easy and was basically a review. I did have a few students who kept getting the X, and the Y axis confused. In my head I was saying how do you not

understand? I just modeled this concept clearly. I need to stay patient and realize that every student learns differently.

4) I have learned that...

I have learned that different classroom management strategies are needed for students. One strategy may work for one student, but may not work at all for another. Trying several options out has worked wonders for me. I hope to continue to evolve as a teacher and with my strategies.