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Reflection on Teaching Science

For my clinical experience, I was graciously hosted by Loyola Catholic School. I was able to teach first grade science in Mrs. Homan's class. There was thirteen students, seven boys, and six girls. There was a little bit of ethnic diversity, and also some learning diversity. Overall, Mrs. Homan has some great students.

I will admit that I had some good days, and also some average days. Early on, there was times where I would struggle to get the students attention. After a few days of teaching, I tried out some suggestions from my host teacher. These suggestions helped greatly, for example, I would say if you can hear me touch your nose. Simple, yet effective techniques like this, were extremely helpful. I also learned that many times you are going to have to think quickly on your feet. I had a girl raise her hand and ask me in the middle of a lesson if she could hug me. While I shouldn't be cold to the student, I had to keep on the task at hand. I also learned that I wouldn't mind teaching in the lower grades. I had previously thought that I wouldn't enjoy working with that young of students. I have now come to know that I would actually like making an impact on younger students also.