

Mentor Visit Assessment #1

Mentor: Isabella Wood

Profession: 4th grade Teacher

Location: Allen Elementary

Date: January 14th, 2022

Time: 11:15am - 12:00pm

Assessment:

At my first official visit with Ms. Wood, we focused on grasping a general idea about what will occur on mentor visits; when the best times for us to meet are, what is the appropriate apparel I should wear, ect. This meeting was about laying down the base to what future meetings will look like. In addition to discussing all this information, I was able to gain a concept about what my experience is going to be like with the students in the classroom.

After discussing what both of our agendas look like per week, we decided it would be best to meet once a week for about an hour. I am hoping to accomplish a wider understanding of subjects and students throughout this mentorship, so we chose specific times that would allow me to be in the classroom with the kids helping them learn about both reading and writing. On A-weeks, I will be going on Wednesdays during my ISM class period so that I can be there for one of the classes' Writing blocks. Then, during B-weeks, I will go on Tuesdays during some of my soccer study-hall and the beginning of my ISM class period. This way will allow me to experience both of Ms. Wood's classes of students, and be able to sit in during a Reading block on Tuesdays. I decided that this was the best option for me because this way I can experience 4th grade reading and writing and what they both have to offer for the teaching field, without missing any of my Frisco High School classes. This is what I was looking for because I am

hoping to broaden my view in the field of education. I care about getting to experience both classes and both subjects because it is what allows me to gain the most experience out of my mentor visits.

Knowing that being a teacher is my future career, I have paid close attention to what my teachers have worn to work over the years. So, when it came time for me to ask what the proper attire would be for my mentor visits, I already had an idea. Last year I typically wore jeans that had little to no rips, with an Allen Elementary or FHS T-shirt or sometimes a sweater when it was colder outside. Ms. Wood agreed that this was the perfect kind of clothing for me to wear. When you are working with kids all day, oftentimes you have to bend down to get on the ground or get eye level with the student, so it's best to wear something that you're comfortable in and that won't reveal anything when leaning over or bending down.

Ms. Wood and I spent most of our remaining time together talking about what I was hoping to get out of this Mentorship. She is well aware that teaching is the career I hope to pursue, and that I have already had some prior experience in the student teaching field, so she knows that I am just hoping to continue learning more. I expressed my interest in wanting to gain an overall understanding about what a 4th grade classroom is like. Since I have only experienced teaching in 2nd grade, where the students are young, I am very excited to be involved in a classroom of students who are more independent. I think that dealing with kids who are at a more mature age is really going to be a difference and an eye opening experience for me.

It was exciting to finally see this mentorship begin and I am really looking forward to next week when I get to introduce myself to the kids. I am going to prepare a short "All About Me" page so that they can get to know me better. I will then present it to each class once I meet

them. I can already tell that Ms. Wood is going to be an amazing mentor, so I am super excited to see where this semester takes me!