



I can see my dream coming true.....

Just about three months ago I walked into Dr. S's class room not knowing what to expect. Now I sit here, look back and see how much I as an individual have changed for the better and am so much more knowledgeable, confident and ready to teach because of Dr. S. Today I think of teaching and am so excited and eager to educate children with the knowledge I've gained from this course. At the beginning of the semester I was timid, unsure and worried about standing in front of all these kids and teaching them effectively. However, after taking this class and learning various methods and strategies and being able to go to a class and teach students I feel I have come a long way. This class has taught me that being a teacher is very easily one of the most rewarding jobs out there. I was surprised to see myself so intrigued and excited to go to this class. My past Ed classes don't even compare to this one. This class has taught me more than any other class and I have Dr. S to thank for that. Every day I had class I learned something, having a professor as interesting, caring, and supportive and motivated as Dr. S is truly special. This class has challenged and forced me to think and be creative in my teaching style. I have also become more comfortable in front of a class full of young minds because of all the times I stood in front of my class and taught them.

When I did my field work for this class, I went in there confident and ready to start teaching and really getting a feel for what it is like to be a teacher. When teaching my three lessons I have come to find that younger kids have an easier and better time doing group work where they can chat but also learn together. I found this to really work in the classroom I was in. I feel by doing this and being in front of a real classroom of kids was amazing. Since I've never stood in front of an elementary class before and was responsible for educating them and making sure that they all understand what is being taught to them, this was one of the best opportunities and experiences I've had. By doing this I really feel that I have grown as a person and a future teacher! On this journey of learning and gaining experience I have been fortunate enough to have some help and guidance to become a more knowledgeable teacher with the help of a few people. I have Dr. S to thank for believing in me and helping me gain skills and pushing me to do my best and always understanding and helping me whenever I was lost and need some guidance. Ms. Kelly, the teacher I worked with during the semester was also a great help and motivator. Seeing how she taught and ran her classroom was so much fun. I really got the chance to interact with all of the students and get more experience every time I went there.

From all of this I plan to keep going all the way to the top. I have every intention of gaining all the knowledge and experience I possibly can. In order to improve myself I plan to keep going into schools and surrounding myself with the school atmosphere as much as possible. Throughout this class I gained so much as an individual and got so much more out of this class than I expected. I expected to learn and become more comfortable, but I didn't think that I would become so much more motivated and interested in teaching young children. Also having classmates that were just as motivated and excited

did nothing but help. Every person in this class that helped me I have to thank so much because they kept me going and supported me when times got hard. But we all got through it with each other!

I got everything and more than I expected from this class. All around this class has helped me grow and come closer to reaching my dream each day. Taking this class with Dr. S was great! Never one was I let down or felt lost and alone. I can easily say that out of all the education classes I have taken so far, I've learned and got the most out of this. This was such a positive experience for me and I hope to become a great teacher with all of this knowledge I have gained about teaching from an amazing professor and person Dr. S. It's time to change, grow and alter my life and prepare for the real world and everything that comes with it. I may be a little scared, but I've never been more ready to learn and grow!

People become really quite remarkable when they start thinking that they can do things. When they believe in themselves they have the first secret of success.

Norman Vincent Peale

Motivation is a fire from within. If someone else tries to light that fire under you, chances are it will burn very briefly.

Stephen R. Covey

