

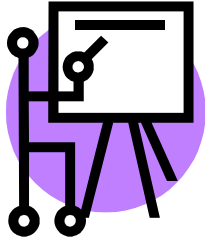
Journal 2

My Past, Present, and Future of teaching skills

In order to be a successful teacher I need to make sure that my students are learning to their full potential with my help. If the teacher is not teaching effectively then the students will not learn. For the past month or so I have learned a great deal about lessons and the various strategies there are to teach a class. I have also been in a few classrooms and have observed lessons being taught and I see some teachers use the models and methods I've been taught and I've seen others who just do their own thing and are unable to be fully effective when teaching.

I am learning more and more that teaching takes work and there are ways to go about teaching specific things. I wonder which method will appeal to me most and which method I can have the best grasp on. The first method of teaching I learned about was Direct Instruction. To

me direct instruction is a great way for teaching a new topic and giving the class background information.



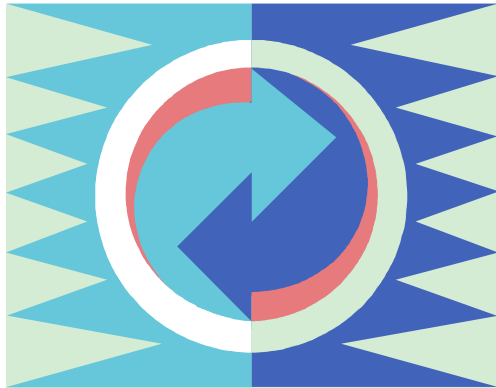
Direct instruction is an effective way of teaching because this gets the attention of the students and it allows the teacher to present information to the class that she wants them to know. This is also a great way to start a unit by providing information then having the class do hands on and more research for themselves.

I think that the WEB QUEST I completed was filled with useful information about my Unit Reasons 4 Seasons. I hope that it was easy to follow and to the point, not too much extra unnecessary information. I believe that using pb wiki to create my Web Quest was the best idea and most effective. Learning about pb wiki really helped me to create a web quest to my fullest potential.

While doing field work I've come to be more relaxed and laidback in the classroom setting as well as becoming more knowledgeable of how a class room should operate, and I'm less uptight and tense. I am able to do this because of this class and what I've learned. Learning about how children learn best and in what environment has been of great help. It is clear for me to see that when the students are sitting head to head, eye to eye and feet to feet with others and their group they best listen and comprehend what is being presented to them. I hope that I have also done a good job with improving my skills in class when it is time for me to present information to the class. I hope that I come off motivated and excited to teach. I wonder if I will be a good teacher and grab the attention of my students, be fun and really educate my students to their full potential.

Another model that Dr. S taught us about is the IPM (information processing model) ,this model is extremely helpful. This method is all about how children process information and the steps that should be taken to do so! I made an acronym that is helpful to me when thinking about how I process information. I used the word metacognition...

Method of learning
Evaluate critical thinking skills
Teach to reason
Ability to problem solve and reason
Check for understanding
Organize information
Gather process/information
No "I" in team
Individual thinking
Test Hypothesis
Inquiry information
On higher level of blooms taxonomy
Not a lecture



One specific lesson that sticks out in my mind was my DI lesson. This was the first lesson I had to make for this class and was a bit unsure of myself when starting. However my professor, class mates and students did nothing but to encourage me and make me relaxed. I feel that my classmates liked how I presented my lesson. I began by

showing an interesting video clip about change and what it means and how it effects the seasons. The students are to watch the clip and then discuss with their classmates as well as me the teacher what they observed and thought. When I reviewed with the class they really seemed interested in learning about the seasons. I think that I made a difference by incorporating each student personally by having them learn about the season that their birthday month falls in. This way they were learning but having a good time while doing it.



What I've really taken from this past month is that of course it will be hard at first when you start something new just like anything. I was scared to begin teaching and really for once making a lesson plan that I will soon teacher to a class full of minds ready to learn. I hope I do a good job and that I can relate to the kids and have a good and easy time in the class room. I look forward to learning about more

methods and strategies to further help me with my teaching skills for becoming a teacher who has good variety of effective skills and knowledge about teaching.



What does my future hold?!!!!!!