

My Journal

March 9th

I started my second practicum on March 9th, at Institución educativa Santa Maria Goretti; I am in charge of two groups.

This day I was very nervous, because I had never work with teenager before, I started the class introducing myself and listen to their names and ages in order to make a good environment, because I know how much important it is, after that I felt better because I did all the things I planned to the class, they were very excited to know more about me, in this opportunity, I realized that their English level is so slow, because they even do not know numbers in English , or how to present themselves or how to say where they come from, but at the end I felt so proud of them because they get the idea of the topic taught them in this case present simple, I could see it because at the end of the class I did a quiz and the majority get a high score.

March 11th

In my second day of practicum, I was more secure in myself to start the class, this time

I had the opportunity to teach them more than a topic, for example when they have the necessity to go to the bathroom, they should say it in English, it was an interesting experiment, at the beginning for them was difficult and funny , but was crucial for me , because some of them told me they are ‘’Brutos’’,and I want to encourage them to try their best in a second language, in order to change that perspective.

March16th

In my third opportunity I was looking for a dynamic class, that's why I organize a grammar game in order to encourage them in a different way, I think it works, because they were relax and happy, at the end of the grammar game , some of them told me that finally they understand a topic in English class.

I though in general the experience , until now was good , I hope continue do my best to improve their English skills

APRIL 6TH

In this class I had the opportunity to help in the final text of the period, it was very interesting because I felt like a real teacher with those kind of responsibility , also in this class i should give to them the grades of the term and talk to them about what they was they point of view of my classes, I think I was a good activity , because they expressed all the things that I need to grow us as a teacher, they mention things like I was a good teacher and a good person, but they mention that I should talk slow because I tend to explain very fast, with This activity I saw and though about many aspect I can improve to give my best to them, I really felt so good with activity and class.

April 8th

In this opportunity I did not have class with them , I had the opportunity to saw them in a different context that was outside the class , because was school birthday , so can realize in what way they prefer do activities and work in groups, I think was a good day with them.

APRIL 13TH

In this opportunity I had the opportunity to work alone with them, because the English teacher cannot stay with us anymore, it means, I should take the control of all the class and grades for my students, until the new teacher come, this day I give to them the grades, also this day I was the in charge to organize them as their main teacher to the hike for a students that is missing, I think it was a demanded, but a good experience.

APRIL 15^T

In this opportunity, I was alone in the classroom as the main teacher, this day was programed to make a leveling of some students, I think that today was really hard, because at the beginning some of them did not want to work, so I should use some strategies in order to engaged them in what I was doing, but at the end I could handle the situation and talk with them about what happened. They said they were tired and whether was not the best, the classroom was so hot.

April 19th

In this opportunity I was observed by my main teacher, I really felt so nervous because i was my first class in front my tutor teacher at the school and my main teacher, even though this class was not my best, I really leant so much things from my tutor teacher that after this class gave me a feedback about how to improve my classes.

APRIL 22TH

In this opportunity, I could stay with my student outside the class in the celebration of the language day, was a good experience, I felt like a main teacher , because I should take care of all of them, and stay with them until the end.

APRIL 27TH

In this opportunity, this day the school start to apply the new English book gave by the government. In this class I could observed that they were interest in the new proposal about to teach, because are topic that are relevant for everyone in the country, for example about in what government spend the money, about global warming problems etc, I think this class was very productive for everyone, because I could put in practice some advice that my monitor gave to me.

APRIL 29TH

In this opportunity, I could stay with my student outside the class in the celebration of earth day, was a good experience, I felt like a main teacher, because I should take care of all of them, and stay with them until the end, also some of them told me that I was doing a good as a teacher, because I was all the time take care of them.

MAY 17TH

In this opportunity I shared the classroom with a native speaker , was a an interesting experience because I think I could learnt some words pronunciation and idioms he taught them, also me and my students taught them something's from Colombia , I realized they enjoyed the activity. It was good for everyone.

MAY 19TH

I this opportunity I was a little sick I could not speak very well, so ask them for help with the classroom management , because they already know they are the difficult group, I think they helped me a lot , at the and I could finish all my activities in a successful way.

MAY25TH

In this opportunity everything was totally different because, I realize it was the last time i had the opportunity to encourage them to learn English not as a compulsory duty, all this time what I was looking for was encourage them to listen to music, to watch new things in English as a different way where they try to enjoy they learning, this time I did a different class I usually do, I bring to them a different listening activity that was a popular song, I did different game in order to realize they understood all the things I already taught them, at the end of the classes was one of the most sadness moment of my life, I think that leave something behind you are become fond of, it is not easy at all , they were sad , but I realize I did a good job , because they told me many thing about my role as a teacher that fill my heart of happiness. I think was a wonderful experience, I think I grow up as human and as a teacher, I am really thankful with God to allowed me live this opportunity.