

## Journal March 15th

Today, I had class with 9-2. I learnt that when a student hits another, it is better to stop the fight before it starts. I also realized that sometimes an activity you think is going to be “easy” for your students ends up being too complicated for some of them, and there you have half of the students enjoying and the other half struggling. When activities are game-like, sometimes you need to take into account that not all the students may be ready to participate, so you have to design strategies to make them participate. In this class, I made a “spelling contest”, it even included numbers, but most of the students seemed to be struggling with the numbers, so for the next class, I will have to re adapt the activity to make all the students participate.

Another issue I observe during my class was that even some students know the words and their spelling, they are afraid of making mistakes, so I tried to encourage them by telling them that it is ok to make mistakes, that we are learning, and I don't really know if they are scared of making mistakes or being bullied by the classmates. I think they are all in the position, so for next class I will tell them that students who bully other students will get points taken. I will talk to them about how important is to learn from mistakes, and that everybody has the right to make them.

I want to work on my students' self-confidence as well as to reinforce some previous topics, I think I will need to plan a class in which one hour is for reinforcement and the other one is for learning a new topic.

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