SERVICE LEARNING

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- Kyrene School District
- 4th Grade
- Class size: 23 students
- Middle class
- Majority: Whites, and Hispanics

CLASS ENVIRONMENT

- The students have routines each day
- Teacher is an essentialist
- Teacher driven class, no class community.
- I see myself in the future being more progressive
- My students will be working in groups and we will have a community dynamic

LEARNING METHODS

- My teacher uses technology often for lessons
- Students have a lot of seated work
- I would want to have more hands-on projects
- Students being more involved with one another
- Problem solving
- Making learning more fun

PHILOSOPHY

- My mentor is extremely old fashioned and has an essentialist point of view
- She is the director
- The students hardly ever work in groups
- Basic routines each day with reading, math and etc.
- I am a progressive teacher

ASSESSMENTS

- Hardly any tests are given in my class
- However, they have tons of homework daily
- Spelling tests
- My mentor doesn't like to give tests because she believes they won't succeed with them

RELATIONSHIPS

- I was lucky to have a personal relationship with each student
- All my students are being neglected in this class
- I have specific students that truly warmed my heart
- There were a couple of students that were difficult to work with
- From day one these kids showed me this was my career and where I belong

TEACHING

- This career truly involves every part of you; mental, emotional, and physical
- Most rewarding
- I learned that I have hope for children and a love that a lot of teachers don't possess
- My favorite part of this journey was meeting my students. The pride I felt when they succeeded, and the joy I had when teaching them

CONCLUSION:

- I realized I am better with classroom management
- Time management
- I am caring
- This is the ultimate career for me
- I feel very natural and comfortable in the classroom

