

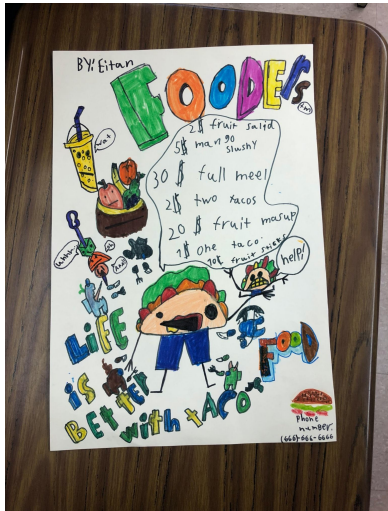
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Reflection for Placement Three

This was an amazing placement. Although I was way out of my comfort zone with a group of grade six students and had a tough love kind of Associate Teacher, which all terrified me at first. I blossomed into quite the teacher throughout this placement. I feel blessed to have worked with such a strong teacher and woman! Something that my Associate Teacher and I tried to focus on, on top of curriculum expectations, was kindness. As the pandemic has really taken a toll on students' ability to empathize and be kind to themselves and one another. This theme of kindness was interwoven into all the subjects, through books or collaboration. Collaboration of course looked much different than students working together in a group at a cluster of desks. However, they were still able to work together socially distanced and collaborate their ideas, especially in my media literacy unit!

During physical education I taught a unit on basketball, and the students absolutely loved it! We started with the basics of passing, dribbling, and shooting with partners and then in threes. Which transitioned into a 5 on 5 game! Teaching this lesson taught me that I need to get a whistle or work on my gym voice! One can only say "Hands on Top" or Freeze" so loud. During the math lesson I taught on the Cartesian Plane, I was faced with the challenge of creating lessons friendly enough for grade two to grade six level students. That was incredibly challenging. However, I think starting out with the basics and slowly adding more into the mixture was a useful strategy and 22 out of the 25 students did well on the mini quiz I created as the final assessment.

Overall, I am so thankful and grateful for this opportunity to work with my Associate Teacher and her lovely class. This was such an incredible learning experience and confidence booster. Check out some of the work we did below!



A Student's Advertisement for their invented Food Truck (Media Literacy)



Some of their food trucks displayed in front of a perspective streetscape (Visual Arts)



Some of their winter shape villages displayed on a bulletin board, with twinkling lights surrounding them (Visual Arts)