

Professional Goals/Growth Plan

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A. Professional Goals

- Goal #1
My goal is to know who all my students are by name by mid semester.
Rationale: I have always been bad at remembering names so the sooner I can have them to memory the sooner that they will most likely feel comfortable with me as another member of the classroom.
- Goal #2
My goal is to be able to teach a lesson and lead a few daily activities in the classroom.
Rationale: To build confidence in front of classroom. As well to get over any fears that I may encounter being in charge.

B. Strategies

- Goal #1
I obtained a class list from Mrs. Seaman with their pictures. I am hoping to use this to study their names when I am away from the classroom.
- Goal #2
To teach my micro teach lesson from seminar to my kindergarten class. I will also observe the daily routine in the class room and when I feel confident that I know the procedures I will ask Mrs. Seaman if she will allow me to lead them from time to time.

C. Indicators of Progress Towards Goals

- Goal #1
I will know each student by name without having to refer to Mr. Seaman, or the other teaching assistants.

➤ **Goal #2**

I will have been in the classroom enough for the students to feel comfortable with me and see me as another authority figure in the classroom. I will be very familiar with the routines of the classroom.

D. Timeline for Completion

I would like to have achieved goal #1 after the first few weeks in practicum, so by mid February I hope to have all their names committed to memory. As for goal #2 I would like to teach my micro teach after I have presented it to my seminar class. I would like to be able to help with centers and circle time by mid or the end of February.

E. Summary of Growth and Goals Achieved

It took me a little longer than anticipated to learn everyone's names. I don't believe I had *all* the names until the beginning of March. I did complete my goal just not as timely as I would have liked. Goal #2 was also achieved in March. After I did my teach to my seminar class and got their feedback on it I tweaked my lesson plan as suggested and did it for my kindergarten class. I would call it a success. I have also on several occasions had the opportunity to lead circle time and teach one of the teaching centers as well.

F. Reflections on Professional Growth

Overall I am pretty proud of my achievements. I think I could have tried a little harder with the names but other than that a true success. As I have become for confident in myself I have stepped out of the observer role and into more of an action role in the classroom.