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There's More To It

Assessment 10 - Interview

**Name of Professional:** Monica Jones

**Profession/Title:** Teacher

**Company:** Nichols Elementary

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**Works Cited:**

Scoville, Brooke, and Monica Jones. "Informational Interview." 5 Dec. 2018.

**Assessment:**

This interview was especially intriguing and eye-opening. Speaking with Ms. Monica Jones about her experience as an ESL, English as a Second Language, teacher, and her experience as a kindergarten teacher was very informative. Seeing the combination of the two and how they affected her teaching style was very interesting.

Discussing Ms. Jones' background as an English as a Second Language teacher was a very eye opening experience. Her story about how she got her first job teaching due to ability to speak multiple languages reinforced ideas that I had heard from other teachers. She told me that while being able to speak multiple languages is not required to become a teacher, it is a very valuable asset to obtain when applying for jobs.

Additionally, discussing the many skills that are required of teachers, especially kindergarten teachers, was intriguing. Topics such as the many roles teachers need to play in their students lives in order to be an effective teacher were discussed. This discussion led to additional self reflection and evaluation of my chosen grade level to teach. Kindergarten requires more from the teacher through energy, patience, organization, enthusiasm, and more due to the young age of the student. Additionally, being a kindergarten teacher would be daunting because many students learn basic social skills along with their curriculum throughout the year.

Discussing how developing the students' social skills plays a part in creating lesson plans and daily activities was incredibly intriguing. Having to not only incorporate the educational requirements expected of the student but also the social and behavioral skills that they will carry with them for the rest of their life makes creating lesson plans and curriculums a very complex task. However, Ms. Jones did mention that one of the most important traits a teacher can possess is teamwork. She told me about how important her fellow teachers had been in working together to create plans for the upcoming week and the entire year as a whole. She mentioned how different ideas from people with different experience affect how you create and edit your plans for the week for the better.

Finally, we discussed the future of teaching. We discussed how the field could expand in many ways such as an increase in the use of technology to teach. This was interesting because it could lead to a new route for research into the field. Additionally, we had a discussion over the increased testing to keep track of students' progress in the classroom and how it has sculpted everything teachers do from daily lesson plans to the year-long curriculum.

The interview conducted with Ms. Monica Jones at Nichols Elementary was most beneficial through its expansion into different topics of research in the teaching industry. Learning more about the importance of technology, social skills, and speaking multiple languages provided many different things to focus on and consider when creating the original work.