

## A Look Into the Past and Future

Weekly Report 21 ~ 2/11/2019 - 2/17/2019

This week, in the Independent Study and Mentorship program, a majority of time was allotted towards presentations over everything accomplished thus far in the year such as original work, and mentor visits where final product was discussed.

Presentations always provide a time for self-reflection and this time was no different. Being able to see everything that has been accomplished thus far condensed into a 20 minute powerpoint puts into perspective what all the Independent Study and Mentorship program has to offer. Looking back on major milestones such as the transition from veterinary sciences to elementary education, the original work process, and mentor visits, provided an opportunity to assess what needs to be done for the remainder of the year. Additionally, this was a chance to practice public speaking skills and see what areas need improvement before final presentation night.

Mentor visits always provide an insight into the prospective career path and what will be expected, however this mentor visit also provided a look into what will have to be accomplished for the final product. Getting to work with the students and learn what aspects of teaching are already present and which need more work such as coming up with different ways to explain the same topic on the spot were especially beneficial in deciding what to focus research and the final product on. Additionally, discussing final product with Ms. Amy Swiney provided an idea of what is to come and the best ways to prepare.