

Original Work Proposal

In order to further previous knowledge over the topic of early childhood education and to prepare for a future career in this field, the original work for this year in the Independent Study and Mentorship program will be creating lesson plans and activities over topics, such as math and English, suited to an elementary school level class. Creating these lesson plans and activities will provide a well-rounded understanding of the education necessary throughout the school year and additionally, it will be a learning experience to come up with different ways to teach topics to make them more accessible to the target audience. If completed successfully, these lesson plans and activities will be a very beneficial resource for teachers of that age level or even parents who are wondering what to expect and prepare their child for in the coming school year.

In order to complete this original work, a lot of research will need to be conducted over what children need to have accomplished by the end of the year. Additionally, speaking to professionals and finding research articles over the most effective ways to keep children engaged in the classroom while making sure they are absorbing the material will be necessary to create useful lesson plans. Analysis of information will be necessary when making decisions over the order of things to teach and deciding on the most effective and efficient ways to teach different topics. The synthesis of this information will be putting together, organizing, and perfecting the lesson plans. Experience from mentor visits and advice from my mentor will also be incredibly valuable resources when determining the effectiveness and usefulness of the lesson plans being compiled.

The goal of this original work project is to gain a better understanding of the requirements a teacher has to follow outside of the classroom. Everyone is aware of the

responsibilities of a teacher when they are in the classroom, however there are many responsibilities such as lesson plans that outline what will be taught in the classroom. Gaining a more well-rounded understanding of the responsibilities of a teacher will be telling of whether this topic is a good fit or not for this year's study in the Independent Study and Mentorship program. While writing lesson plans and planning activities is not the first thing to come to mind when one thinks of early childhood education, it is an essential component of the teaching process and a skill that will need to be mastered in order to become an effective teacher. Through this process, knowledge over teaching techniques and proper preparation in the teaching industry will be expanded. Additionally, a more complex understanding of the inner workings of the teaching world and its components will be obtained. Overall, this original work will provide an inside look into the requirements teachers are expected to follow and the process that goes into preparing for the school year.