

## The Beginning of the End

Weekly Report 23 ~ 2/25/2019 - 3/3/2019

This past week in the Independent Study and Mentorship, the main focus was on the final product. This week, research was conducted over teaching methods and the opportunity arose to be able to teach Ms. Swiney's kindergarten class about the attributes of shapes.

Being able to complete one aspect of the final product for this year was an incredibly rewarding and educational experience. This provided insight into teaching techniques that work and some things that only work in certain scenarios. Seeing the classroom from a teacher's perspective also provided insight into the classroom dynamic and how students work together. This information will be incredibly useful throughout the remainder of the year when working with a select group of students on their counting, addition, and subtraction abilities. Having a more comprehensive knowledge of what aspects of teaching work best for myself will be helpful when finding new and innovative ways to teach seemingly simple concepts. This knowledge will translate into deciding what activities to give the students and will be expanded upon as more teaching experience is gained.

Overall, this past week has been very beneficial in regards to final product and progress within the chosen field. Having more experience teaching provides a greater sense of confidence and ease when in front of a classroom that will hopefully be gained through experiences within this program.