December 14th, 2015

 Today was a busy day! The students had library time as well as computer lad. This didn’t leave much time for intense lesson plans. My master teacher and I ended up having a few odd gaps to fill in the day. During one time frame we decided I would read a bit of Hansel and Gretel to the students, which I began reading a few days ago. I read the story and checked for understanding by asking students what certain words meant, and having students interpret pictures. I also asked what had happened previously and had them make predictions. I found that these questions were a great way to check for understanding, and I was glad that I had the opportunity to read them the book and ask questions. I love sharing my love of reading with students, and it is something I plan to do often in my own class.

December 15th, 2015

 Today I taught a lesson on pushes and pulls. I included a fun experiment and an informative video. It was a bit of a review, and it was evident that the students knew the material. I also included timers, which was great. I would love to include timers in my own classroom. There are so many fun timers on Youtube that can help keep students on track and serve as a visual. The assessment showed great results and I was pleased with the student’s progress.

December 16th, 2015

 I spent quite a bit of time prepping materials today. I tore pages out of workbooks for a few hours. My master teacher was talking to me about how thungs like this are the behind the scenes of teaching that no one thinks about. It was quite boring, and I wish I could have been actually teching instad. I know how to tear out pages, but I could use more practice teaching. Oh well, I must do what my master teacher asks of me.

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