

## Post Conference

**Paula Brown**[11:05:57 PM]: it looks like i ask you questions about yours

**Paula Brown**[11:06:02 PM]: i think

**Catherine Ritter**[11:06:53 PM]: That is what it looks like to me too.

**Paula Brown**[11:06:59 PM]: Okay

**Paula Brown**[11:07:23 PM]: Was there anything that surprised you while you were observing this lesson

**Catherine Ritter**[11:08:11 PM]: How focused the students were on the activity. They were very engaged and working.

**Paula Brown**[11:08:34 PM]: How did you assist your mentee with the tech part of the lesson

**Catherine Ritter**[11:09:49 PM]: She and I discussed how to develop the graphic organizer and how she could use the ELMO with her students.

**Paula Brown**[11:10:31 PM]: Did the teacher get the column chart ready

**Paula Brown**[11:10:51 PM]: She had made a comment about having everything ready for the students

**Paula Brown**[11:11:08 PM]: I think when she was talking about classroom management

**Catherine Ritter**[11:12:19 PM]: Yes, she developed it on her own and saved on disks. We loaded it onto the computers in the lab during lunch so that the students would have it available and ready for the lesson.

**Paula Brown**[11:12:41 PM]: that really helps and saves classroom time

**Paula Brown**[11:13:08 PM]: How do you think the technology aspect enhanced the lesson

**Catherine Ritter**[11:13:12 PM]: Yes, the students just had to click on the icon on the desktop to start working.

**Catherine Ritter**[11:14:00 PM]: The students focused more on what they were doing because the technology made it seem more like fun.

**Paula Brown**[11:14:31 PM]: Is there anything that you or she would do differently

**Catherine Ritter**[11:14:47 PM]: The students commented after the lesson about how much fun it was writing on the computer.

**Paula Brown**[11:15:12 PM]: that's good - its kind of like killing two birds with one stone

**Catherine Ritter**[11:15:24 PM]: Yes,

**Paula Brown**[11:15:57 PM]: Sounds like a successful lesson

**Catherine Ritter**[11:16:08 PM]: We really didn't have anything about the lesson that we would have changed.

**Catherine Ritter**[11:16:17 PM]: Thank you

**Catherine Ritter**[11:16:31 PM]: Well, how did the lesson go with your mentee?

**Paula Brown**[11:16:48 PM]: it went well - she was very prepared

**Paula Brown**[11:16:54 PM]: and has the students prepared

**Catherine Ritter**[11:19:06 PM]: Was there anything about the lesson that you would change?

**Paula Brown**[11:19:10 PM]: Yes

**Paula Brown**[11:19:36 PM]: She could only book the lab for one period because that was the only opening

**Paula Brown**[11:19:46 PM]: So she had prepared the students for this

**Paula Brown**[11:20:03 PM]: They created a handwritten layout of the brochure

**Paula Brown**[11:20:19 PM]: I felt like we had to push to get them finished

**Paula Brown**[11:20:27 PM]: They did a good job

**Paula Brown**[11:20:48 PM]: We had one group that had two slow readers and they really needed more time

**Catherine Ritter**[11:22:00 PM]: What kind of accommodations did she make for her students with special needs?

**Paula Brown**[11:22:10 PM]: They created brochures to go along with an infomercial presentation

**Paula Brown**[11:22:41 PM]: She placed them with another student who interacts well with them and takes the lead somewhat

**Paula Brown**[11:22:53 PM]: She also checked on them often and redirected if necessary

**Catherine Ritter**[11:23:53 PM]: Sounds like she had a plan for those students to be successful.

**Catherine Ritter**[11:24:02 PM]: Was there anything about the lesson that surprised you?

**Paula Brown**[11:24:21 PM]: That they did such a good job in a short amount of time

**Paula Brown**[11:24:38 PM]: The class consists of 9-12 students so it was a varied bunch

**Paula Brown**[11:24:48 PM]: She had good classroom management skills

**Paula Brown**[11:24:56 PM]: and they really did not have any time to mess around

**Paula Brown**[11:25:07 PM]: They were proud of their brochures

**Paula Brown**[11:25:21 PM]: I printed them in color so they could keep them

**Catherine Ritter**[11:25:33 PM]: She was well prepared it sounded like and from the video the students looked engaged.

**Paula Brown**[11:25:37 PM]: They displayed them on the document camera during their oral presentation

**Paula Brown**[11:25:56 PM]: Yes they were

**Paula Brown**[11:26:05 PM]: They came in knowing what they had to do

**Paula Brown**[11:26:37 PM]: a lot of times students come into a computer lab and spend a large amount of time just figuring out what direction they are going in

**Catherine Ritter**[11:26:44 PM]: I thought that was a wonderful way for everyone to see their brochures. Wish I had one available all the time in the computer lab.

**Paula Brown**[11:26:58 PM]: It was in her classroom

**Paula Brown**[11:27:06 PM]: I just ordered one for the computer lab though

**Paula Brown**[11:27:22 PM]: In fact she got the doc cam about 3 days before this lesson

**Catherine Ritter**[11:27:29 PM]: It saves everyone a lot of time in the lab if the students are prepared.

**Paula Brown**[11:27:31 PM]: so she was happy

**Catherine Ritter**[11:27:38 PM]: Wow.

**Catherine Ritter**[11:27:58 PM]: Are you ready to wrap this up?

**Paula Brown**[11:28:06 PM]: Sure

**Paula Brown**[11:28:20 PM]: Is there any thing else we have to do partner wise

**Paula Brown**[11:28:32 PM]: I don't think so

**Catherine Ritter**[11:28:38 PM]: I don't think so. I think this is it.

**Paula Brown**[11:28:48 PM]: Are you going to TCEA - where are you located again

**Catherine Ritter**[11:29:16 PM]: It has been wonderful working with you. Yes, I will be at TCEA. I'm in Springtown, TX.

**Paula Brown**[11:29:28 PM]: great - hope to see you there

**Paula Brown**[11:29:38 PM]: Connie said she would try to set something up

**Catherine Ritter**[11:30:19 PM]: I will be looking for you. I hope Connie is able to get everyone to meet during TCEA so that we can put a face with the names. : )

**Paula Brown**[11:30:19 PM]: You know after tomorrow night I don't know what I'm going to do with myself

**Catherine Ritter**[11:30:30 PM]: All our free time.

**Paula Brown**[11:30:35 PM]: yes that would be great

**Paula Brown**[11:30:52 PM]: Well enjoyed working with you and have a Merry Christmas!

**Catherine Ritter**[11:30:59 PM]: My family will be glad to see me again.

**Catherine Ritter**[11:31:12 PM]: Merry Christmas to you too!

**Paula Brown**[11:31:13 PM]: Definitely without bags under my eyes

**Catherine Ritter**[11:31:19 PM]: : )

**Paula Brown**[11:31:25 PM]: Good Night

**Catherine Ritter**[11:31:29 PM]: Good Night