

Troi Ferguson

My Learning Contract

I will ...

manage my time better. I will try to do a better job of juggling work, school and personal life.
expose my students to more online resources they can use to help them improve their English at home.
set up an online gradebook so students can access their grades whenever they like. My program does not provide online access to grades so I will need to set up something myself.
take the students to the language lab on campus so they can learn to use the language learning software there. This is a resource that is available on the Rice campus, but few of the students in our program actually make use of it.
provide students with an Internet activity to complement each grammar unit covered in class.
share ideas with my coworkers. I like to share my ideas and find out what other teachers are doing in their classroom. I can do this during Staff Development Day, informally in the teacher's room and via the share drive. I could also observe other teachers, although I have not done this before at this school.
participate in at least one social activity per session with my students. The school hosts a social activity each session for the students and the teachers can attend if they like. Also, some teachers organize their own social events for their students. This means a lot to our students because most of them arrive in the United States knowing no one. Social events give them the opportunity to make friends, experience American culture and of course practice their English outside of the classroom. As a teacher, I could benefit by improving rapport with my students.

Things I need for my "toolbox":

personal time management plan.
websites
on campus language lab
coworkers

If I need additional help, I can ask:

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Amy Shearon (coworker)	713-817-1672	abar@rice.edu
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I can also use tutorials from atomiclearning.com and youtube.com

Path to my goal:

Target Date	Task
September 2012	Develop a plan for time management.
September 2012	Create an online gradebook for my class at www.mygradebook.com .
September 2012	Set up an account on www.delicious.com to keep track of useful websites for students.
September 2012	Offer an online activity for each grammar point covered in class.
October 2012	Continue to add websites to my delicious.com account.
October 2012	Take students to the language lab on campus and have the language lab staff give them an orientation on the language learning software.
October 2012	Share ideas with coworkers at Staff Development Day.
October 2012	Attend one social event with the students.

I will come back and look at this contract every month and update my progress.

I am responsible for my own learning and am a competent, effective learner.

Signature: *Troi Ferguson*

Date: *September 2012*