

Compilation & Contributions to Your Learning Post 1

I started on this journey expecting nothing. I took the plunge and decided to try to float through the eight weeks. I started with a fever for the first 10 days and ended with MAP testing at school. It's been the busiest time of my recent life. Something I learned about myself is that I need more time to process study materials. One of my successes was overcoming my fear of writing. One area I need to improve is time management. Between teaching, family, and volunteering, sometimes studies took a backseat. Better time management will help alleviate the stress that builds up by the end of the week.

[Technology Learning Manifesto:](#)

While working on my learning manifesto, I was able to delve deeply to uncover my thoughts and beliefs about learning. Change is constant, and I must use technology to be a better teacher and be relevant in the world. Learning about COVA helped promote authentic learning. I used COVA in my classroom by giving students a choice of how they wanted to present their knowledge on Earth Day. When given a choice, my students presented their research through video, which was not previously an option.

[Personality and Leadership Philosophy:](#)

The personality test was an eye-opener. It predicted my personality to the T. I knew that I liked to help others, but it made me realise that I always put others first. This is adversely affecting my relationships. This experience helped me say “No” when someone asked because I was exhausted. Saying no hurt me a little, but I was able to send help her way. I knew that I was a team player. The leadership personality test also revealed that I am a Type personality - Helper. I thrive in a positive, calm, and collaborative environment. I have observed that I tend to avoid

conflict at all times. In life, uncomfortable situations are sometimes unavoidable. I also need to learn to thrive in these conditions.

Technology Case Study:

It was my second implementation plan. In 5305 - Disruptive Innovation, we wrote an implementation plan for our innovation. Writing both the innovation plans was challenging for me. I am a big-picture kind of person. This assignment made me look at the details. I had to analyze what would happen at every point. I had to consider positive and negative feedback and plan my steps accordingly. It was an interesting challenge, something I had not done.

Collaborative Discussion:

I loved the structure of the collaborative discussion. It was a dialogue between colleagues, an exchange of ideas, thoughts, and beliefs rather than writing a short, constructed response. It was also challenging because some teammates wouldn't complete their work on time, putting the whole team behind.

Conclusion:

Overall, taking two classes was a serious time commitment. I enjoyed and learned new things, such as COVA and disruptive innovations. I am applying what I am learning to my classroom. I have started giving students a choice of how they want to demonstrate their learning in science and social studies. I am also incorporating more games to teach concepts such as fact versus opinion, time, and fractions, among others, to engage my students. I love being a student and am eagerly awaiting the summer to bring new learning opportunities.

