

Compilation & Contributions to Your Learning Post 2

When that class started, I was excited; school was out for summer break, and I could spend plenty of quality time completing my coursework. But life had a different plan. A week after Memorial Day, my husband informs me we are going on a two-week-long trip with three other families. I was looking forward to the trip, but was worried about how I would complete the assignments. Dr. Harrison was kind enough to allow me to complete the missed assignment after coming back from the trip. This summer was one of the busiest and most eventful summers of my life. One of the successes from this semester was that I finally got the hang of my eportfolio. It's still a work in progress, but I am now able to polish it to make it personalized. Time management is an area I need to work on. Due to my vacation, I felt that I was always trying to catch up.

[Exploring Digital Resources:](#)

Exploring digital resources was a fun assignment. I was able to explore some new digital resources and deep dived into one that my school district already uses. Bouncy Ball was a simple and helpful website. One of the biggest struggles teachers have in lower elementary is teaching self-control to students. Working quietly is a challenge for elementary students in lower grades. With visual and audio cues, this site provides immediate feedback that would be useful in the classroom. Discovery Education is an excellent resource that I had not used. I had the opportunity to explore the site and identify features that I will use in my classroom in the fall.

[Leadership Role Stimulation:](#)

Leadership role stimulation was initially perplexing, and the instructions were not entirely clear. However, after gaining clarity during the class and discussing it with my teammates, I was able to understand my expectations better. We all chose our leadership style, which was not

necessarily our perceived style. We took a poll and decided on our presentation approach. The most challenging aspect of this assignment was scheduling, given our numerous personal commitments and some team members' international travel. Despite these constraints, we were able to come together and complete our work. The satisfaction of overcoming these challenges and achieving the assignment was immense.

Creating my ePortfolio:

The initial stage of creating my eportfolio was frustrating and challenging. I was unsure what I wanted it to look like and how to achieve it. After hours of YouTube videos, I developed some concept of what I want and how to go about it. Building the tabs and creating the flow created some frustration. Still, I am now confident that I will be able to make a professional-looking, visually appealing, and user-friendly e-portfolio. My journey was filled with ups and downs, and I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. I loved discovering new things and learned to believe in myself and trust the process.

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. This format not only enriched my understanding of the topics but also improved my communication skills. It was also challenging because some teammates wouldn't complete their work on time, putting the whole team behind. We explored some new tech to complete the discussions.

Conclusion:

Taking only one course was better for me. This gave me time to explore and think deeply about the assignments. The eportfolio, digital resource, and role stimulation helped me explore my creative side. I was also able to find my voice while writing the blogs. Although it was a

challenging summer, I thoroughly enjoyed the learning process. I am proud of the progress I have made in managing my time and adapting to unexpected situations. Eagerly waiting to see what fall brings with it.