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Weekly Reflection

This week went extremely fast for some reason and at times I found myself staring at the clock, think, "Where has the time gone?" For the most part my lessons went really well this week, besides math being a little challenging for me. Miss Coverstone and I reflected on some of the lessons and she mentioned how well I transition in my lessons from one thing to another. I still find my little battles with a few students, but two of my most challenging students, behavior wise, are doing amazing! I introduced my Personal Best chart to the class last week, which rewards good behavior and since I have started that I have noticed a big difference. Their attitudes are better because they are starting to turn in homework on time and their grades have increased immensely. For example, I was grading one of my students spelling/vocabulary test and he only missed 3 spelling words. I called him back to my desks and he had the look on his face like, "Oh no". When I told him what he got on his test, his face just lit up and I felt so proud of him. The subject that I will struggle the most in is math because it is an advanced level course. Teaching fifth graders, seventh grade math is a tremendous challenge because the concepts can be extremely confusing to them. I was nervous when I found out I was going to be teaching this math class, but I did not realize it would be as challenging to myself as what it is. My first lesson I taught on Tuesday seemed to me like a disaster. Everything that I had planned just went right out the window as soon as I opened my mouth to talk. Miss Coverstone and I have talked several times since then about math and we have a better plan of attack for this. First off, we will be collaborating on future lessons more to make sure I have everything covered that I want and she will also be staying in the room more to be an aid. I have been able to breath better since I know she will be there for support for not only the students, but me as well!