

Describe Artifact

This artifact aligns with this standard, because I have demonstrated my ability to collaborate with the other future teachers in my classrooms to complete a project for our class. In my Pre-Kindergarten Methods of Cognitive Development class we were assigned to make a model of a preschool classroom. Our task was to consider what objects would be the most useful for our classroom and what objects would provide the best learning environment for students. In my group, we collaborated and assigned tasks to each individual group member. We each agreed to take a section of the room and make that our project. Each group member came up with an idea of what should be included in their section of the classroom. They also decided how they would make the materials that were necessary for that section. From there we had to work together to create the classroom we envisioned. In doing this assignment I learned the challenges of working in a group. I also learned how important it is to work together to come up with a final product.

Alignment Reflection

Wisconsin Teacher Standard Alignment

This experience best aligns with standard ten on collaboration, because my peers and I worked together to complete a big project for class. From this experience I learned that it is important to collaborate with my future peers. My professor provided us with the materials and an outline to follow for completing the final product. My group and I were able to agree on the procedures for creating this model and then work together to complete the final product. What I learned from this experience will be useful as a future teacher, because it has taught me ways to

effectively collaborate with my peers. I have shown competency in this standard, because we were able to work together as a group without any problems, while learning and growing as future teachers.

UW-Platteville School of Education Knowledge, Skill, Disposition Statement Alignment

This artifact best aligns with the KSD4.e which states that the candidate was able to grow and develop professionally. In completing our room arrangement I demonstrated my ability to collaborate with my peers to effectively complete this project. By working with my peers I learned where improvement was needed to collaborate more effectively in the future. I also learned the strengths that I bring while working in a group. In doing this assignment I have demonstrated my ability to assist the other members of my group by providing suggestions and aid when needed.

KSD4.d Contributes to the school and district

KSD4.f Shows Professionalism

Personal Reflection

What I learned about teaching/learning from this experience.

From this experience I have learned many things that will be useful while teaching. Not only did I learn how to properly arrange a preschool classroom, but I also learned how to work with my peers. I feel this is very important as an educator, because when I am teacher I will need to collaborate with the other teachers to create lessons and create a safe environment for the

students. When I first began this assignment I was shy but while working with my group over the next couple of weeks I became more vocal and professional in explaining my point of view. I have learned how important it is for teachers to get along with one another because when positive collaboration occurs, it ensures a better working environment. This experience has also taught me that my peers will be there if I ever need help in future classes. I am glad this experience has taught me to be closer with my peers because they can provide a safe and helpful resource to go to if I need it.

What I learned about myself as a prospective educator as result of this artifact

As a future teacher I have learned how to explain my point of view in a professional way. I have learned to trust my peers because their insights will be helpful in college and when I am a future teacher. I feel that when one is able to collaborate with those they work with then it will provide a better environment for the students. When students see their teachers working together, they learn that we can all work together despite differences that occur. Not only has this experience taught me things about myself that will be useful for my students, but also the school and community as a whole. Being able to collaborate with the other staff and the community is important to me, because I feel that they are exactly the help I will need as a teacher. I am thankful to say that this artifact has taught to how to collaborate more effectively to help me create the best learning environment for my students.