

PTO-Sponsored Teacher Observations
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Thanks to the PTO I was able to observe three teachers on Thursday, January 12, 2017: Anna Patterson (Math), Carol Tichio (Science), and Jennifer Dukelow (Math). I am a first year math teacher.

I found the visits extremely helpful. Carol was having the students do an activity on the importance of writing and interpreting directions. In this case, building a "Lego type" model from directions written by groups in a previous class. It was informative to see the successes and challenges that the students faced in interpreting the directions of others. I took away information on structuring an activity like this.

Anna had the students solve calculus problems shown on the screen as a precursor to a quiz taken at the end of class. The students were very attentive and engaged. Anna also showed me the method that she uses in tracking students that miss assessments so that she can follow up with them later. It is a method that I plan to use.

Jen presented a lesson on inequalities in two triangles; a lesson I also taught during the week. It was informative seeing how an experienced teacher targets the important points of the lesson; and uses technology (tablet and screen) to engage the students. Again the students were very attentive during the lesson.

I was fortunate to have this opportunity. Thank you.

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