

Observation 11-23-09

Started out the hour taking attendance right on time. Nice job. Gave kids time to come in and check the board. Be helpful to remind them to right down on board. This class can be tuff. Some like to complain. Need to be ready to nip any complainers. It can snowball fast.

Journal. Nice job going over the journal with the kids. Kids are on track and busy. Nice job. You remind them to finish up journal and that your moving on to bigger better things. ...Again kids respond well.

Review for the test. Now is a good time to let them know that this is what the quiz is on and that if you missed these questions on Thursdays test you will have another opportunity to do better. You do a nice job explaining it. Many kids not paying attention. May be remind them that this quiz tomorrow is basically the same few questions they had trouble with and simple not understanding this material is not an option.

Inertia.... shopping kart analogy was great. Ids are listening and smiling.... I like it.

Nice voice/ tone. Very helpful w/ keeping students attention.

Joking with Teddy.....kids are laughing...Teddy laughing. Your lightning the mood in the classroom. All kids are listening now. Humor can be ery helpful.

Starting Icosahedron. OK kids get out Icosahedrpon paperas out. We are starting project. First one to get it out wins. Good job trying to motivate kids to use all of kids time. Remind again. Most kids are doing what your asked. You are forced to repeat directions and you remind kids that you didn't what to have to do that. Don't be afraid to slow down and explain yourself slower. Wait for all kids to stop what they are doing and look up at you. This is soemthign that I do and kids should be really trained to do with a bit of encouragement. Nice job getting kids to get there materials. Nice and organized. All kids seem anxious too start. It is sometimes a good idea to give them a goal on how much to...you just told them they should have 20 circles trasced by the time they leave class today.

Kids are all working well. Nice movement around the room. Helping kids with questions and complimenting students.

Again...I am just trying to be helpful with these critiques. I personally liked it when my mentor teachers did this fro me.