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Reflection #3

The year has finally come to an end. As I sit here and reminisce about what I have learned in this course, I wonder if I will be able to put it into words. Originally, I felt that this course was most likely going to be a waste of time because I already knew how to use a computer, but I was so wrong. I never knew how to use the software of the computer to my fullest advantage, and this class opened my eyes to just how beneficial the software can be.

This course explored software such as Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Paint, HTML, JavaScript, and Microsoft PowerPoint. Out of all these the only one I had any significant knowledge of was Microsoft Word. Through excellent teaching I have now been able to broaden my horizons, and I have gained the ability to use such software to the best of my abilities. I use to have to struggle to try and figure out how to organize my information in a paper. I use to pretend I knew how to make a chart by lining things up in columns and assuming it would pass for a chart. I no longer have to struggle with this factor, and I no longer have to think about how to make a graph or chart. I now know that it is so much easier then I had thought. I also developed a deeper understanding of the time and dedication people put into making websites by using formats such as HTML. However, my greatest experience in this class was the one on one interaction I encountered with a student.

I never thought much about being a teacher, but my experience was unlike anything else. The feeling you get helping someone, teaching them things that they never knew, can be so fulfilling. The feeling of accomplishment overwhelms you, and you get

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a sense of satisfaction, feeling as though you have done something right. I was a little worried at first on whether or not I would be any good as a teacher, but as time went on I started to question my major. Every week I had a new student, but every time I was able to relate to them and help them to understand the material. I was able to adjust to each student's strengths and weaknesses teaching them to the best of my ability. The students seemed to catch on fast. I feel that for them it was easier to learn from a fellow student than from an everyday teacher because there is not as much pressure put on them. I tried to make the lessons I had for them, not only educational, but fun as well.

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This course was so much more beneficial then I could have imagined. The idea of bringing students into a classroom to be taught by other students is probably one of the greatest experiences I could have ever encountered. This class pushed me to explore the option of teaching, while at the same time I found a deeper appreciation for computers and the software they contain. I can say with ^{certainly?} certain that the things I have learned and the things I have experienced in this class will stay with me in my future years as a student and an adult.

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