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Writing Reflection 7

I have learned so much in this class. There were things that I had never heard of, such as Wiki, Twitter, Plurk, Glogster, Delicious, and etc... I guess you can say, my computer intelligence was very limited. The only things I use to be able to use on a computer were Word, and the internet. These were so foreign to me, but they were all so fun to learn about and see how each played its own role in aiding me with my teaching. I never would have thought that something as simple as a digital camera could help me teach my students something. My eyes have really been opened to the endless possibilities for using technology not only in my teaching but in my learning as well. I have also gain a new sense of confidence in using technology and I am ashamed to say that it came at my Professor expense, because I know I worried the stew out of her. I am so excited to start this new school year because I am anxious in teaching my newfound knowledge.

I really like learning all about Delicious, which is social bookmarking network. I have already store all type of websites on my delicious account for websites that have wonderful resources for me as a teacher. I think my favorite section was the Web 2.0 products we learned about in class. I used Wordle to complete one of my lesson plan requirements, and I intend to use it. Although, I am a Pre-K teacher, my students are really going to enjoy it. Flickr, Big Huge Labs, and Glogster were also awesome. It amazes me that you can produce so many different products with just using pictures you have stored. I used all three of these products pretty frequently. The podcast assignment was something I never thought I would do because I am not good at speaking in public, and even though we didn’t have to speak in front of everyone, it sure did feel like it. I really enjoyed researching and writing the script for the product I chose to try and promote for our assignment. There were just so many different websites we visited in our class and I am so grateful because now I have so many different resources. At first, I didn’t feel like I was going to be able to keep up, but I then realized that I was making a mountain out of a molehill. We even designed our own Wiki page, which is kind of like our own person websites, which was pretty cool. It is good because, now I have another form of my educational and professional credentials. Some of us participated in a Geocaching activity on campus, which was a Scavenger Hunt using GPS systems. Now this was fun because we got to put in coordinates and go to find our hidden object, which held further coordinates to move on to the next hidden objects. My group and I were a little disappointed because we could not find our first object because it was hidden so well, we were in the exact location, but we just could not find the object.

There were so many different things that I learned about in this class. And all of it is going to help me be a more productive teacher in using technology in my classroom. I feel that it will make the curriculum more interesting for my students because they will have opportunities to participate using technology. And with the world relying more and more on technology in today’s society, I want my students to be prepared for their future education. I have learned a lot about technology for my learning as well. I have learned how to make PowerPoints, and all types of other resources for me to a better student.