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Make Learning Meaningful with Interdisciplinary Lessons

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Dear STEM Participants,

Well, it's been 2 weeks already! I apologize for the wait! I enjoyed a great weekend in Savannah, and then went back to work on Monday just like all of you! I was notified that day that I would be observed by central office staff and consultants from Harcourt-Brace. I thought, "WHO TURNED ME IN?" LOL! Just kidding! I was immediately stricken with the same fear you all talked about…. doing what is best for kids, but fear it won't be accepted. I decided to dig in my heels and do what I always do. I asked my administrator to be present as well. So, here we were, my small resource reading class of 5 kids with 6 adults observing! Now that is smack in the face reality. I did what I know is best and I can support it with research…and whew! They loved my class! I am sharing this because I know your concerns are REAL! I also know that you are passionate educators hungry for more ideas and flexibility to do what you want for students. I encourage you! You will achieve your goals!

I have attached promised documents. There are a few I need to dig deeper for, but I wanted to get these to you so you didn't have to wait any longer.

I want you to know you are an inspiration to me. My passion is to share with other educators. I have shared at a local level and as an adjunct professor, but I loved the challenge of presenting to you! You were a gracious audience! I wish I had more time to dig deeper, but if you were inspired, that is enough! I may need to build on my presentation and give it 3 sessions so that teachers can have more time for lesson development. I appreciated all the tough questions… that is a teacher’s reality, and I have a blog and will try to answer those questions. One being that it felt like a grade school class. There is a reason we need this in middle school grades more and more. Then the question of where to get dirt, I will look for that as well. If you have more questions, please reply and ask! I want to work on developing this during the summer! Be patient with me as I teacher full time, have many projects, but am in beginning stages of developing this passion of mine!

Please consider researching this great program provided by the US DOE called Teach to Lead. I will be working with the US DOE in Nashville at the end of the month. I would love to sponsor them to come to Georgia as well. I will keep you updated if we do! In the meantime, here is the link: https://animoto.com/play/YuLTAv0K0nhW9h5MOxskJQ

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Follow these for live updates from Nashville April 27-29 and future opportunities!

If you think your school would like me to visit, I would love to come and share more! Just email me and we can work something out!
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Best Wishes,
Michele Dodge