Your name: Courtney Harder

School: Eau Claire Head Start

Time spent at field experience: 7 hours

Supervisor’s name: Heather Yates

Supervisor’s phone number: 715-896-4721

Supervisor’s email address:

Date: February 20th, 2013

***Sequence of Events***: This is a brief list of the events that took place along with your assigned tasks and/or responsibilities.

I started the day riding the bus with the assistant teacher Ia. There are two buses so I rode one and we picked up half of the children. We then got to the school and got our snow stuff off and went into the classroom and had our morning meeting where we sang songs. We then went to wash our hands to eat breakfast which was cereal and kiwi. Then it was time to go to the bathroom and brush our teeth. After, we came back into the classroom and had “work time” which to me was time to play in centers. Ms. Heather told me that work time today would be longer because it was too cold to go outside. We played and Ms. Heather had a cooking activity where the children got scoops of chex, cheerios and raisins and were asked to put them in a bag, and sort them into groups when they got home to mom and dads. After work time it was time for large group where we did calendar and talked about the weather. We read a story and then played a dog game. The game was very cute, it reminded me of button, button, whose got the button? That I would play with my grandmother, only this time it was a bone. After we were done with large group it was time to eat lunch. Lunch was macaroni and cheese with hotdogs, green beans, and apples. Then it was time to go to the bathroom, brush teeth again and then get ready for nap time. I sat next to three little girls and rubbed their backs. About an hour later a group called ECLIPSE came in who is from UWEC and works with the children individually. After nap time we had snack which was celery with cream cheese. After that it was time to get coats on and get ready to go home.

***Contributions***: Describe any personal ***contributions*** you made to the classroom. Not monetary or donations, but what did YOU initiate and do that helped, or made a difference?

I helped with keeping the children busy during activities. I was able to read many books to the children, and also played with them in the block center. During meals I helped them dish up their plates and fill their cups with milk,

***Significant Event***: Select one episode that was significant to you. Describe event in detail. What made this event significant to you?

One event that was significant to me would be after the day Ms. Heather came over to me to talk and really showed appreciation that I was there. It made me feel that I can help make a difference and that she really wants me to have a great experience.

***General Reflections of your two weeks****: What are you learning, feeling, frustrated with, excited about, challenging to you, what have you done to work towards your goals?*

The only thing that I became frustrated with was that the teacher Ms. Heather wasn’t much in the classroom. She had a parent meeting at 10am followed by many conferences scheduled with parents. I know it wasn’t her fault because that’s a teacher’s job, but it made the day a lot more stressful not knowing how the day/routine works. I also was a fit irriatated that ECLIPSE starts coming in between 9-11 o’clock and we had about 10 teachers in the room for 15 children, so it got a bit crowded and was hard to socialize with all the children and get to know them. One thing I am excited about is that every child in the class in Hmong, and some don’t speak English, so it’s going to be a bit difficult to write out lesson plans and communicate with them, but it gets be excited because there are always going to be challenges wherever you go, and I’m looking forward to overcoming this one to become a better teacher.

**Activity Evaluation** **of Practice Lesson Plans**: This is where you will discuss how your activity went, and what you liked about the activity and ways to improve it if you were to do it again. Be honest and open giving thoughtful details so we can imagine what it was like for you and the children. This is also a way for us to monitor your progress and document your learning.

This was my first week so I did not have any activities planned.