

Top Ten things I learned from practicum

1. I learned how important those student-teacher relationships are even if the student is a “trouble” maker.
2. I learned how to grade a student with standard based grading, which was very interesting to me.
3. I learned how I can teach something in three different ways for the different types of learners in the classroom.
4. I learned how to make sure your students are going to the bathroom or going to the correct places when they are out of the classroom (they have the tendency to wonder the halls).
5. I learned the drastic difference between 8th and 7th graders.
6. I learned how you can make small changes to your lesson to make it different from the lesson.
7. I learned that middle schoolers can only give you your attention for so long before they start to get fidgety.
8. I learned to stand your ground when “discipling” especially when other students are around, however this is best done not in front of other students.
9. I learned how important it is for other adults in the building to back you up when it comes to discipling a student because if not everyone holds to it the kid finds out what teachers/administrators he/she can work.
10. I learned how important those relationships with the other teachers on your team are.