Service Learning Syllabus

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Canvas: https://madisonschoolsva.instructure.com/courses/2880

Welcome to MCHS Service Learning. By the end of this semester you will have spent time learning and helping young students at the Primary level, Elementary level, Middle School level, or High School level. You will develop a good idea of whether or not you want to work in the field of education. The classroom teacher you are assigned to work with for this semester will determine your activities and level of participation in the class. Please remember to always make yourself useful! Activities may include filing, using the copy machine, reading activities, math activities, art projects, science and social studies activities. Your help in the classroom is invaluable!

At the end of this semester, you will be able to:

- Assist and develop working relations with teachers in the classroom through daily activities
- Use your knowledge to share in the learning process through basic teaching and tutoring
- Gain hands-on experience and appreciation/understanding of the roles and responsibilities of teachers

Class Expectations:

- Block 1: you are expected to be on the bus each day when the tardy bell rings
- Block 2,3,4: your assignment will be at the middle school or high school-you must be at your designated assignment when the tardy bell rings
- Food and Drink is not allowed on the bus
- Do Not offer food or drink to any students under your supervision without permission
- Be willing to do whatever your cooperating teacher needs
- Share ideas when appropriate with your cooperating teacher (see me for assistance if given permission to do an activity)
- Be prepared to assist at all times-circle the room, help that student that is looking a little lost

Grading Policy:

Attendance: You are an employee of your cooperating teacher. He/She depends on you each to perform tasks that must be done. Your grade is your pay-no attendance, no grade. If you are excused from school you are excused from attendance and will receive an exemption. Any unverified or unexcused absences will be considered a Zero. Please note the following: Missed school for a doctor's appointment, college visit, testing at MCHS, or other reason please let both teachers know so you will receive an excused absence. COMMUNICATION IS KEY!

Attendance counts for 60% of your overall grade!

Classwork/Evaluation by Cooperating Teacher:

A journal will be required. An entry must be made for each week. Just a brief description of your daily activities and overall impressions of what students, teachers and what you completed for the week. Each week an assignment for the journal will be posted in Canvas that will be due every Friday. Every 9 weeks myself and your cooperating teacher will do an evaluation.

These 2 grades will make up 40% of your overall grade.

Remember you are representing MCHS and yourself when you work in the classroom. Some of you are working with young children that are very impressionable. Remember how you dress-no shorts that do not meet dress code, leggings must be covered with a long shirt, no tank tops. Scrubs are a viable option that I can look into if you wish to wear that to protect your clothing.

Lastly, communicate any and all concerns with me. I am available by email and will be more than happy to assist you! This is a great class that offers you experiences that you can use and cherish for life!

Best,
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