

Conference Paper

I attended the Art Educators of Iowa Conference in Des Moines Iowa. It was located at the Hilton hotel in conference rooms and a banquet hall. It was a great opportunity and I am glad that I attended it. I was able to see other preservice teachers from other schools along with some people I know who went to UNI. I also ran into the Orange Elementary art teacher who I had volunteered with a few years ago. It was great to be able to make connections to other art teachers and learn what they do in their classrooms. I can see how this will be a great resource when I am teaching so that I can stay up to date on what is happening in the art teaching world.

In my first session he had created an excel document to drop down with big ideas, standards and other criteria that may be needed for a lesson plan. This was a tool that can be used to generate lesson ideas. This went along well with what we are learning in elementary and secondary classes. We always use the standards in both classes and in secondary we worked with using big ideas this semester. I worked with others to brainstorm ideas for using the document.

My second session was about social media and how to use it in the classroom. I felt like this session was not really that helpful to me. I know a lot about social media because I grew up using it, but I could see how it was helpful to someone who didn't. I was able to start following the session leader on instagram and have since followed more art teachers. This is something that I look at every day, so it is easy access to seeing what others are doing in their rooms.

My third session was about using equations within coral reef to crochet a form. I thought it was very good how she was using the interdisciplinary connections. I can see how doing something like this in my classroom would be useful and beneficial to students. I also am very interested in using crochet and knitting in my classroom, so I was able to learn finger knitting that would work perfectly.

My last session was Gelli plates and methods to using them. I learned that the Gelli plates are expensive but do last for quite a few years. I was able to see multiple ways of creating with the Gelli plates and how I could use them in my future classroom.

I am very glad that I chose to go to the conference and I see myself attending again in the future.