

Alanna- Observation 7
ADL Middle School- Essex Junction
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It is hard to believe that the end of the semester has arrived. You have had such a wonderfully rich experience student teaching at ADL. I loved seeing the clay tiles and vessels that your students did on display out in the hallway. I am sure, even though those students no longer have art, that they are so pleased to see their work glazed and on display.

Today you and Tina were introducing the elements of art to a new group of students. The group of students you did most of your student teaching with have moved on and there are new groups just starting their art rotation. It must feel a little strange to get to know a new group of kids during your last week but at least you get a sense of the rhythm of teaching in a school that schedules their art classes on a rotation of a certain amount of weeks.

I loved the videos that you found to show your students! (KQED Art School) They were relevant, clear, and contained images that were interesting. Sometimes videos on the elements and principals can feel dry or dated but these felt modern and engaging. Good find!

Although Tina is transitioning back to being the lead teacher, you continue to remain completely engaged in what is happening in the classroom. You and Tina continue to work as a team. You support Tina and your students with your kind and organized way of being.

It has been great watching you grow as an educator over these past few months. You began the semester with so many strengths but now you appear even more confident and comfortable in the role of the teacher. You have so many attributes that will make you a successful teacher in the future. You are always professional and reliable. Tina and ADL, as a community, have been so fortunate to have you as part of their school.

Our meeting with Tina to go over your final assessment was fantastic and emotional. As Tina and I remarked, you are an amazing teacher who gives so much to your students. You are loved by colleagues and students alike for your skills and knowledge in art, your nurturing, kind way, and your sincerity.