

What do you think is the most important thing you gained from the summer institute and why?

<p>I increased my knowledge in strategies that I can use in the classroom to promote reading and writing. I found the demonstration lessons highly educational and interesting and will incorporate many factors into my own classroom. I also rediscovered a love for writing and plan to continue my own personal writing from this time on and into the future.</p>
<p>Camaradie. Multiple genres for purpose and audience. I will make writing a daily activity several times throughout my student's day. I will combine reading and writing to help create an atmosphere with less apprehension when writing. I will use the SI to share with my colleagues and PLC grade level teams in the District and Home school. I will use the Inquiry Project to evaluate my students' growth in writing as compared to traditional instruction and writing participation. I loved it and would like to participate in the NWP in various ways.</p>
<p>I gained confidence in my own personal writing. I started out not feeling confident at all in my writing because of experiences I have had in the past. I was given great feedback from the people at the MWP. They were very helpful and never critical.</p>
<p>A renewed passion for writing. Most importantly a new respect for others in my profession. It is so great to see and hear the incredible things my fellow teacher produce during the workshop.</p>
<p>I think I've gained more understanding of how to incorporate writing into different subject areas across the board. I have usually set aside a separate writing time for my student's, but I will now be able to spread my writing time throughout my schedule. I also became more confident as a writer. The SI actually gave me TIME to sit and think about what's on my mind and heart and write it down. This was a wonderful experience that I plan on suggesting to all of my fellow teacher friends who have not yet taken the WP.</p>
<p>The most important thing I gained from the summer institute is confidence in myself as a writer and also confidence as a language arts teacher.</p>
<p>The other teachers and their demonstrations have really given me a great plan for next year. Also, I've gained valuable friendships that I hope to continue on with, getting their support and sharing our ideas throughout the year.</p>
<p>I have gained so many things during the Morehead Writing Project it is hard to pick just one. I have however gained a greater sense of confidence within my writing. I feel like it is worthy enough to share with my fellows. I have had tremendous gains not only as a writer but also as a teacher. I feel like I have the right 'tools' to teach the most effective writing units for my 4th graders.</p>
<p>I think the most important thing I gained from the MWP was to believe in myself and my students and to believe that we can all become writers! I am motivated now to continue my own personal writing and to work on incorporating more writing into my classroom after having attended the MWP!!!</p>
<p>The most important thing I feel I have gained is having the chance to work on my own writing. In doing so, I became more confident in my own writing and also understand the process in different ways, all of which will help for me to transfer that into my teaching. There have been many great ideas to come out of the SI from fellow teachers, presenters, and instructors. I am leaving the SI with a re-newed interest in both writing and teaching writing with my students.</p>
<p>I gained a sense of confidence in myself, that I hope to impart on my students. If a student believes in themselves and knows that other people believe in them, there is nothing they can't do.</p>
<p>The most important things I gained from the Summer Institute were a renewed confidence to write, and several ideas for effectively teaching writing to my students. Many of the presentations that I observed contained wonderful ideas for motivating students and teaching them strategies for writing for specific purposes.</p>

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<p>The most important thing that I feel that I have gained from this institute is the network connections. I have learned so much from the demonstration lessons from my other fellows that I cannot wait to try in my classroom. I am very excited to stay connected with everyone in our group and to share things that I am doing and they are doing that work and do not work in our classrooms.</p>
<p>The most important thing I gained from this experience has definitely been sharing ideas with my colleagues. Teaching writing has always seemed to be a daunting task and this has allowed me to ease my mind and realize that I was doing a good job at presenting students with appropriate material. I have gained so much from seeing what others are doing in their classrooms and discussing with one another how we could adapt their lesson to fit the needs and abilities of our students. This also allowed me to see the progression of writing education throughout the grade levels, and see that I can adapt most any lesson to benefit my students in some way.</p>
<p>I found pleasure in writing for the first time in my. I learned how to be a creative writer and extend outside my comfort zone.</p>
<p>Reconnecting with the idea of regularly writing and using writing to generate ideas</p>
<p>The multiple strategies shared among colleagues have given me a lot of great ideas to use in the classroom. I feel the book study will encourage me to take the risk of trying this new approach as an inquiry project. I am excited to implement this in my room. I loved the guest speakers and mini-lessons, it was a retreat in terms of personal writing. I believe the impact of that has changed my attitude for developing the same attitude in my students.</p>
<p>I think that having the time to reignite my own passion for writing will help me encourage that same passion in my students, especially now that I have a wider range of tools and support available to me.</p>