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**#DA1 – Expectation of Field Work**

I’ll be working at Our lady of the Rosary parish over at Union City for my field work. As I do not yet know complete details of what I will be working on, with regards to the subject, I am expecting a small group of students. This is because, in a small group I can easily interact with students and get more one on one time with them and provide them with more personalized experience based on their “Primary Discourses”.

Since I’m very bad at remembering names, getting used to the names of the students is a big challenge for me. Another challenge I could face is to encounter a child who is afraid to speak up, but this will be easy for me to since I was once that kid who was afraid to talk in front of the class, thus, I could overtime help him/her overcome his/her fears. I’m very nervous about talking to students regarding a subject that makes me or them uncomfortable, or to teach them a topic that I do not yet fully understand. I believe this can be easily taken care of by either talking to the supervisor or to my GSI. Overall I’m very excited to meet wonderful group of people with different backgrounds, and to be able to connect with them and provide the support they deserve.

Thinking literacy as more than just reading and writing is very important and readings form this week helped me understand this at a very basic level. With this knowledge, I believe I’ll be able to communicate with students in a way that’s not just oriented towards their academics but towards what interests them. Using first few sessions as a gauge for their discourses, I’ll be able to plan my lessons according to their strengths and weaknesses. When I talk to a student I’ll take into account his discourses and explain or converse accordingly.