

It is Monday, February 7, 2023. The first day of our deployment. We arrived at the school before 7:00 AM in the morning and quickly went to the principal's office after the flag ceremony. As we entered the principal's office we immediately felt how welcoming and accommodating the teachers, personnel, and especially the principal. We didn't expect how kind and professional the people there were. They uphold professional courtesy as mandated in the BPT Resolution No. 435 s. 1998 or also known as Code of Ethics for professional Teacher in Article XI, section 3 that A teacher shall maintain at all times a dignified personality which could serve as a model worthy of emulation by learners, peers and all others. After the short briefing the principal accompanied us to our respective cooperating teacher, they assigned me to a Grade 3 classroom. As I entered the room my cooperating teacher greeted me and she instructed me to introduce myself to the class with the practice teacher who came from Pimsat . She also explained the do's and don't while I'm observing. The class started and the first thing I observed to my cooperating teacher is that she is very proficient and innovative. She knew what the best teaching methods and instructional materials for the specific lesson she will teach. She always started the lesson with a drill of reading and spelling because almost all the students are struggling in reading even though they are already grade 3 students so she tends to use formative assessment to immediately check their understanding and progress. As my cooperating teacher says to me, if they are capable of spelling out the word or can identify the phonemes, then they are ready to go further in reading. She also prepares them in English and Filipino as a medium of instruction because their main medium in primary is mother tongue so they will not be shocked

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when they are in intermediate grade. Since my cooperating teacher is in her 30s she can easily adapt to the ever changing curriculum and she can easily use the trends as her advantage. She continuously seeks for improvement to keep up with the ever changing world as stated in Domain 7 of DepEd Order 42 s. 2017 or also known as Philippine Professional Standard for Teachers. She attended different seminars, workshops, etc. to improve her way of teaching. I also observed the importance of using different cues or signals to cater the classroom misbehaviors as she established a positive rapport towards his/her students. When the classroom starts to misbehave she will just say "Class-class" and the students will automatically respond "Yes-yes" in that way there is no gap or disturbances in the learning process. She possesses 21st century skills that are needed to cater students needs. She is also quite adept at managing varied classroom scenarios because of her various teaching methods and techniques, which she can employ simultaneously depending on the circumstance. I was left speechless on how she uses different pedagogies to fill the gap and deliver quality education. I'm really delighted to have this sort of opportunity to witness a trained professional teacher that possesses an ability that can assist students to increase their learning that can only be refined by years of experience.

Observing this kind of astounding and selfless teacher that carries a huge responsibility in their shoulders in order to produce quality learning outcomes helps me to love more and pursue this career. This 3 days observation teaches me the important role of teachers in nation building. We are not just here to impart knowledge, but we are here to make this world a better place. As David Haselkorn once said "Teaching is the essential profession, the one that makes all the profession possible."