

## Entry 6

### Professional Logs

#### *Interactions with Families, Community, and Educational Personnel*

*(To Enhance and Support Student Learning)*

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Date	Person Interacted With	Type of Interaction	Purpose	Impact on Teaching and Student
2/4/17	Parents of Choir Students, Other Choir Teachers	Discussed students' achievements	Honor Choir Day. All of the Elementary choirs together to create a large choir.	I got to see how choirs from different schools rehearsed the same music in different ways.
2/15/17	Parents	Conversational-talked to them as they were there	Book Fair	I got to meet a lot of the parents of the students I was teaching. I also was able to formally introduce myself.
1/31/17	Parents	Talked to them after the program	Discussion of the 5 <sup>th</sup> grade music program	I was able to meet some parents, and give them information about Honor Choir Day.
3/9/17	Parents	Talked to after program	Discussion of 1 <sup>st</sup> grade music program	I wrote the program, so to hear all of the praise from parents made me more confident in my ability to write programs in the future.

Based on your experiences and information from this log, (1) identify your professional strengths and weaknesses in terms of your ability to interact with families, community, and other educational personnel to support student learning, (2) at least one professional goal for continuing to grow professionally in your area of weakness, and (3) plans for achieving this goal.

- I feel confident in my ability to interact with families and the community in an informal setting. I am able to discuss student achievement when asked, but I still don't feel confident in my ability to deliver negative news to parents. I observed my CT talk to a few parents during conferences, but I never talked to them directly.
- My goal for family and community interaction is to have multiple ways to talk with parents about issues in the classroom. I want to be able to do this in the least accusing way possible.
- In order to reach this goal, I plan on talking with other teachers and administrators and getting ideas about the best way to communicate with parents. I will also gain knowledge of this by meeting with parents and being open with them about what is happening in my class.

