Weekly Reflection Week\_\_2\_\_ Dates \_3\_/\_31\_\_ - \_4\_ / \_4\_

**InTASC Standard 9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice**

∇ How do experienced educators continue on the journey of learning as a teacher? Why is this important?

Throughout my teaching experiences thus far, I have seen several different ways in which teachers continue to learn and grow. The more concrete ways I have seen demonstrated and participated in have been through the reading and discussion of research related to education or classes. However, I think that the most important ways teachers grow is through collaboration with others through PLCs and discussions related to strategies in day to day conversations.

During this week I was able to see firsthand how some of the teachers interact in these situations. Through discussion and observations of different ways they structure their classrooms or handle particular situations, they gain new ideas and apply them in their classroom, usually with their own unique spin on the concept. I think the most important thing to gain from these experiences is that there is always room for growth which is not possible without open communication and the willingness to share and try new ideas. Additionally, each of the ideas gained from these experiences needs to be considered and adapted to the classroom environment. Therefore, no strategy will look the same in any given classroom because each teacher, with their own approach to how they structure their classroom to meet their students’ needs, will take on a completely new appearance over time.