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Acing EFE

Five days into spring break, first-year **Rebecca Loescher** (*KML / David's Star-Jackson WI, pictured*) hadn't left MLC. She was reading aloud to kindergartners and teaching them how to make predictions in literature. Rebecca wasn't the only one. Each spring break, first-year, sophomore, and junior teachers-in-training participate in EFE (Early Field Experience). For first-years, that takes place right on campus.

These first-years spend the days transitioning from sitting in the back of a classroom to standing in the front. "The days of EFE were packed with presentations, meetings, and lesson planning sessions, and every minute was beneficial," said Rebecca. "The supervising teachers and presenters put so much time and effort into sharing as much knowledge about ministry as they can. I didn't want to miss out on any of it!"

After a few days of presentations and peer teaching, students crafted a lesson plan under the guidance of a supervising teacher. They taught this lesson to children who visited from area grade schools.

"I taught reading to two very different, yet wonderful, groups of five kindergartners," Rebecca said. "My favorite part of EFE week was seeing my work put into practice in my lesson on Wednesday, and seeing the attentive faces of the kindergartners looking up to me as their teacher!"

But the fun doesn't stop after your first year. Older students have an increasing number of opportunities to practice their teacher skills with experiences such as clinical, student teaching, and EFE 2 and 3. Sophomores and juniors who participate in EFE 2 and 3 travel across the U.S. to grade schools, getting a glimpse into what their future classroom might look like. These sophomores and juniors observe and teach lessons, administer tests, work with small groups of students, and chat with the teacher about what works in their classroom.

EFE—just another way MLC prepares future teachers for ministry!



Spring Training Knocks It Out of the Park

College Choir isn't the only group that spent spring break in Florida. The softball and baseball (*pictured*) teams head down south each year to get a start on spring training. Here's what a few baseball players had to say:

Michael Fromm (*WISCO / St. Jacobi-Greenfield WI*): Every year the baseball and softball teams fly down to Orlando to play. The weather is amazing, and it's a great experience to see how our teams look for the upcoming season! It's awesome to relax with our teammates in Florida, playing the game we love!

Jonas Lindemann (*LPS / Zion-Egg Harbor WI*): It was great to finally play outside in the sun and warm weather and, as we always say, it goes by fast!

Luke Willems (*Lakeside / Bethany-Fort Atkinson WI*): This is a great group of guys, and most of us have been on the team for three years, so there's good chemistry. The Florida trip is always a fun and challenging experience, playing other teams from around the country.

