

## Not Sure About Teaching? Early Field Experience Can Help

You *might* want to become a teacher, but you're just not sure? We get it. That's why we offer an early field experience immediately after your first semester. It's a four-day plunge into all things teaching. Did we mention that real children are involved? On your last day, grade schoolers from St. Paul's come up the hill, and you get to be their teacher! We'll let some first-years tell you all about it:



From **Myah Loberger** (Fox Valley LHS / Mount Olive-Appleton WI, pictured left)

**EFE is . . .** a little taste of what your future may look like. The first year in college you're usually taking gen ed classes, so actually being able to be the one teaching instead of listening is so unique. I love that MLC gives us an experience to see if this is really what we want our future to look like!

**EFE showed me . . .** just how much I want to be a teacher. It was so much fun interacting with the students and collaborating with other classmates to improve our lessons.

From **Sam Plocher** (Evergreen LHS / Holy Trinity-Des Moines WA, pictured right)

**Lightbulb moments:** I taught third graders about area and perimeter by having them lie on the ground and form shapes. Seeing the lightbulb turn on when they understood a problem is something I'll always remember with joy.

**My love for kids . . .** only grew through this experience. I am so excited to be out in the ministry teaching kids just like these someday.



From **Hannah Bodden** (Concordia LHS / Abiding Word-Houston, pictured left)

**It all clicked:** I put together a lesson on one of my favorite stories! I took concepts of characterization to help students relate texts back to themselves, and at the end of my lesson, when some of the students were telling each other about their favorite character and why, it was so exciting to see how they had gotten something out of the lesson!

**A little nervous, but . . .** I was a little worried because I'm only six years older than the kids I was teaching, and I was a little afraid that they would be mean to me. But the kids were so sweet.



From **Ella Bergemann** (LPS / Good Shepherd-Downers Grove IL, pictured right)

**Leveling up:** The EFE I experience made me realize on a new level just how much I want to teach. Hearing called workers' stories of sharing the gospel (not only with kids but with their families as well), I became convinced that there's nothing else I'd rather do with my life.

**Teaching is a good fit:** I learned a lot about how teaching fits my personal characteristics and gifts. No teacher is the same, and that's awesome!

