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EFE 1: First Taste of Teaching

What's EFE? It's five days of Early Field Experience dedicated to the teaching life, including lesson-planning and actual teaching: first to their peers and then to local grade school students. As our first-year education majors start their second semester, EFE is just what they need to help them answer the question, "Am I sure I want to be a teacher?"



Ruth Dorn

FVL / Emanuel-New London WI

She taught . . .
Radioactive Decay

She loved it: I'm excited about the future, where I get to do this for a living.

She wants to learn more: There's still so much for me to learn

here at MLC, and this makes me excited to continue learning in the classroom.



Evan Kasa

SCLA / Christ the Lord-Cottage Grove MN

He taught . . . History of Mount Rushmore

He's sold: This experience really solidified my desire to become a teacher. Seeing the joy on the kids' faces as they

learned was incredibly rewarding to me, and it was even more fun and fulfilling than I'd ever anticipated.



Gideon Heins

MVL / St. Paul-N. Mankato MN

He taught . . .
Making Tangrams

One highlight: In one of the presentations, **Dr. Ben Clemons** talked about how students want the classroom to have a routine. He gave very useful tips, and I was able

to apply some to the lesson I taught.

Hard to be a student again: As soon as I started teaching, the nerves went away, and I realized this was what I wanted to do. Afterward, I didn't want to go back to sitting in a classroom and being taught. I wanted to just keep teaching!



Sam Priem

MLS / St. John-Bay City MI

She taught . . .
How Technology Evolves over Time

It was such a joy . . . to watch the students work as a team and piece together the timeline, arranging inventions in the order they were created.

Better than expected: EFE 1 was even more enjoyable and rewarding than I'd anticipated. It reminded me why I chose this path and confirmed that teaching is not only the right fit for me, but a vocation I'm passionate about.

If you're not sure you want to be a teacher, we've got you!

You'll do an EFE your first year here, and it will help you clarify whether this is the ministry for you.