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Project I

 Project I was the first project that I began to work on in EDCI 270. It has been an ongoing project throughout the entire semester. The overall goal of this project was to use Weebly.com to create a website that functions as a personal and professional portfolio. I have completed eight workouts, four cases, and two additional projects that have all been compiled into project I. Before constructing my website, I chose a general theme that each of my workouts and projects are based off of. My theme is children’s books/reading. The website that I have made is for my future students and employees/employers to view.

 Project I addresses several of the NET standards. More specifically, it facilitates and inspires student learning and creativity. By choosing children’s books/reading as my theme for project I, I was able to use my knowledge of that subject and create different activities for students using my creativity. Each workout and project offers students an engaging learning experience. Project I also engages my professional growth and leadership. By creating my own website, I have improved my professional practice. I have worked to build a lifelong model that will benefit me in the future. My website also exhibits my leadership by demonstrating my skills with technology.

 I have learned a significant amount of new things throughout the design and development of this project. For example, I learned how to do the following things: create lesson plans, create digital videos, mail merge, and use an interactive dual board. I have gained many new technological skills and I have had practice on each and every one of them. Each week there was a new goal worth achieving.

 I hope to be teaching in a third grade classroom in my future. This project can easily be integrated within my teaching/learning experience. I focused each of my children’s books/reading workouts and projects at a third grade level. Therefore, each of my lesson plans that I have created and project III can be of essential use for students at a third grade level.

 If I had more than one semester to focus on my website and each of my workouts and projects, I would undoubtedly enhance the effectiveness of this project. I would spend more time on the design of my website. I would make it more appealing to students. For example, I would add more pictures so that students would be more interested and engaged in visiting the website. I would also spend more time on each workout to make sure that they are equipped with everything necessary.

 Project I was a fun and exciting way to spend my time during lab each week. I thoroughly enjoyed working hard to complete the project. I plan to add to my website over the next couple of years and use it in my future for my students. I am appreciative for the skills that I learned throughout working on project I. Overall, project I has been a beneficial learning experience for me.