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### One More Week

#### Weekly Report 1/2 - 1/8

As we continue to draw closer to the Research Showcase, it has been made increasingly apparent that there is still a huge amount of work to be done. Whether this is completing portfolios, original works, presentation boards, or simply delivering invitations, students have begun to realize that now is the time to focus on completion, while at the same time striving to achieve the idea of perfection. Personally, I have to focus mainly on completing my board, as there are multiple aspects that I have to focus on, including aligning and balancing all of my papers and information on the board itself.

As I have gone through my ISM journey, I have continuously challenged myself to attempt to stay on top of my work while at the same time remaining optimistic about challenges that I face while attempting to overcome them. While this has proven to be difficult at some times, it has also helped me to grow and mature throughout the year, as I have had to work through many issues throughout my projects such as not being able to understand what was being asked of me or not being able to choose a specific word choice. As the school year continues to play out, I will continue to question myself as I have done thus far. I have often asked myself if elementary music education is truly the path that I would like to continue down. I

have sometimes found myself doubting this career choice for myself, however, I then continue my research and assignments, and ultimately realize that teaching music to young children is a genuine passion that I have had for a long period of my life.

Because I have finally found my mentor, and have recently scheduled my first mentor visit, I am very excited to be able to actually interact with students in a classroom setting with the guidance of my mentor, Ms. Laura Rohman. This will further impact my understanding of what it means to be an elementary music teacher, as well as the requirements that come with it, ultimately preparing me and providing me with knowledge that I would not be able to gain from simply reading articles from the internet.