Real Life Eye Contact Weekly Report 2/11/19 to 2/17/19

Going into the week, the goal was to prepare for the Original Work Presentation. Additionally, I needed to stay on track when working with various elementary school representatives. This short week was an easy reminder that everything needed to remain on task and the productivity needed to be effective and thorough.

The first task was to get through the presentations for the week. It was necessary to ensure that the speech was memorized and the powerpoint associated with it was also complete and simple. While presenting, the goal was to perform the presentation from memorization, while trying not to use a notecard for assistance. Also, while preparing for the presentation, I needed to make sure that the board was complete, along with an updated binder. To add more of a personal touch to the presentation, I included a McKinney Noon Lions Club donation box next to the binder. While presenting, I made sure to move around, to make good usage of the floor space. Additionally, hand gestures were applied, in order to make the presentation more engaging and personable.

Once I looked over the presentation video, it was evident that the presentation was below the time limit and needed some work. Improvements included reducing the amount of filler words in the speech, along with lowering the amount of times I looked back at my slideshow. To make eliminated these problems, I will need to study my powerpoint and make sure I am familiar with the layout. Also, to make the presentation smoother, I can reduce the amount of filler words by practicing the presentation more. Lastly, I can expand more on my research, my experiences, and my progression thus far in ISM, in order to make the speech fit the time limit.

In addition to performing and assessing the Original Work Presentation, I had to email different elementary representatives throughout the week, making sure that everything is coming together in preparation for the drive. Also, emailing the McKinney Noon Lions Club was necessary, to ensure that additional donation boxes were on the way, that way they could be delivered to the various elementary schools.

Lastly, on Friday, a Mentor Observation was scheduled and conducted. This observance included watching Dr. Brooks work with different patients and adults, and how the different machines work and what they read for each patient's eyes. This Mentor Observance allowed me to picture myself in this profession, and possibly owning my own practice in the future. For next week, the goals are to collect the ten extra McKinney Noon Lions Club boxes. Additionally, any final touches on the grade level collection boxes will need to be made. If possible, distributing the boxes to each elementary school would be ideal. However, with a shortened week, due to President's Day and a tennis tournament on Friday, the elementary schools may just be contacted and notified that the boxes are ready. The following week, the boxes can then be delivered.