

Time Goes By In a Blink of an Eye
Weekly Report 1/7/19 to 1/13/19

After the extensive break, a lot of work was completed and the Original Work was beginning to come together. At first, it was hard to know exactly where to start in regards to the Original Work. The idea was in place, however, it was challenging to know exactly where to start, in order to make the Original Work a success.

One of the benefits of ISM is the fact that anything goes. There is room for growth, creativity, and mistakes. Even though these amazing characteristics allow students to go off on their own and try new things, this concept is terrifying for me. Personally, following a schedule and getting the instructions on how to do something is a task I perform well at. With the Original Work practically being all up the students, this new concept is obviously out of my comfort zone. However, after talking to Mr. Spiece and figuring out where to begin with my Original Work, things began to unravel on their own. After making on short phone call to a local elementary school principal, things began to pick up pace. Shortly, another phone call came with the school nurse and emailing with the elementary Student Council sponsor. Additionally, contacting the McKinney Noon Lions Club and figuring out the logistics of my project became easier than I had imagined.

With ISM, I am learning to let go of my worries and let my work take its course. As long as there is an idea, the sky's the limit and I should remain aware that sometimes things may not work out as I planned, but the events will take their course and it is all a professional learning experience.

One of the goals of this week was to make the final touches on the Original Work, as Research Showcase quickly approaches next week. With that, the board was created, invitations to Showcase were sent out, and both portfolios were updated. Additionally, to make my area at Showcase even more interactive, I ordered custom business cards to hand out to people. I am beyond excited for Research Showcase because I believe that all the hard work that has gone into the past semester deserves to be put on display for the community to learn and grow from. Being able to be at The Star is one experience that I will never forget, especially while being a part of a prestigious group, such as ISM.

Lastly, the goals for next week include sealing any final details on any documents, such as the Original Work Proposal, for Research Showcase. Also, keeping in contact with the McKinney Noon Lions Club and Fisher Elementary will be essential to pulling off this drive in March. While I start to work toward my Final Product next week, I also need to

remember to enjoy the moments presented at The Star and be proud of not only my work, but also my personal growth in ISM.