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Reflection
Convo 11/1-11/4

From the beginning I was excited about going to Convo in Louisville, Kentucky. I knew that I would benefit from all of the presentations that went on and would gain a lot of knowledge from the key note speakers. It ended up being even more than I expected though.

With every presentation that I went to I learned something new even if it was on a subject I was familiar with. This was mainly because of the diversity of people that were there. Everyone has a different way to go about things based on where they are from. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting an abundant amount of people from all over the country. Their sessions were that much more interesting because you were getting a whole new prospective.

Like I mentioned before, there were many sessions that I benefited from, but there are two that I would like to mention. One of the presentations that I really liked was on helping children with mourning about tragic events. I got a lot from this presentation because it is nothing that is taught in the classroom. The speakers were an older couple that was married, but both had a spouse that had died suddenly at quite a young age. They talked about their own experiences to give character to their presentation. They involved the audience with singing different songs together and then throwing a colorful ball around to get all of us to open up about things in our life. I learned about many books and resources that teachers can use to help a child get through a traumatic event.

Another session that I benefited from was “Surviving Your First Year of Teaching.” This was put on by two second year teachers from Pennsylvania. They gave

us A LOT of resources to help us with our first year. I got many book titles to read while I prepare for the first year, and some great techniques to organize your life and make your first year goes as smooth as possible.

The workshop as a whole was filled with a variety of speakers that kept my interest through the whole weekend. By Saturday, I had hit information overload which I didn't think was possible, but I was so excited to have all the information to bring back with me and apply to my own experiences as a teacher.