Professional Growth Plan

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My Strengths:

My main strength is my desire to always better myself. I feel there is always more a person can do for themselves such as practice a skill, or develop his or her profession. Also, I work best when there is a challenge. I want to add excitement to the children’s learning experiences. By doing that, they will be more focused to learn and I will be more focused to teach!
I look forward to working with a team teacher and sharing ideas and learning from each other. I truly enjoy working with others that share a common goal.

My Areas for Professional Growth:

My two main areas of concern for professional growth are the advancements in technology and learning the content that I will expect my students to learn.
Plan For Professional Growth

Area for Growth: Technology   Standard # IX   Date: April 29, 2002

Actions-What I will do and the assistance I will need:

In the ever-changing world of technology, I plan to keep up-to-date on the latest equipment and software that my school has available. I will attend any workshops on technology that may be offered. Technology in the classroom provides a better learning climate for the students. I want to take advantage of using all the multimedia advances that I can in order to provide a more exciting environment for the students.

Area for Growth: Knowledge of Content   Standard # VIII   Date: April 29, 2002

Actions-What I will do and the assistance I will need: I want to know all that I possibly can about the content I will be teaching. I plan to make very careful lesson plans and provide information that is context-free and not context bound so the students may relate it to other situations. I plan to use hands-on instruction so the students can participate while they are learning.
Assessment-How I will my success be measured?

I believe I will be successful when I feel confident the students are learning. However, when I am in my first year of teaching, I may not yet have the experience to know for sure. Therefore, I think it is extremely beneficial that teachers are evaluated by the principal. My goal is to have an excellent evaluation, and be known as “a great teacher.”