

Dear Natasha,

Welcome to Melissa Creighton and Ashley Farnsworth's Science Portfolio page! As secondary science pre-service teachers we learned so much from you about how to have fun with science. It is so easy for us to get overwhelmed with meeting curriculum outcomes that we forget that sometimes the best science teaching practices involve letting students get messy and allowing their curiosity to drive discovery.

In our portfolio, we have included a variety of the fantastic learning activities we did in class as well as some new activities that we look forward to trying out in our future classrooms. We have 5E and inquiry lesson plans, homemade movies, and all sorts of pictures that show how much you have influenced our creativity in teaching. Our future science classes will be anything but boring if these artifacts are any indication of our desire to engage student's curiosity.

We have also added various biographies and links to notable people in the science community. It is important for students to be aware of the vast challenges overcome by scientists throughout history, but we feel it's even more important for them to be aware of the feats being accomplished locally. Just as you taught us, cross-curricular ties are key to helping bring depth to the material and also for helping ease the burden of time constraints. There are always cool science related recent events and we made a point to add a few of those that caught our interest as well as links to pages with many, many more.

Our portfolio is indeed an online homage to the extraordinarily fun and valuable (albeit brief) experience that was your class. But perhaps moreso, it's a representation of the science teachers we aspire to be: lifelong learners who will seek to challenge, inspire, and foster curiosity about the world we live in. Our jobs will never be done, but thanks to you, we will always remember to carry on with a smile on.

Sincerely,

Melissa Creighton & Ashley Farnsworth