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**Small Group Reflection**

The first time I was in charge of a small group was my third week of teaching. Until this time, I had walked around while students had been assigned papers to work on. This day my teacher told me to sit at a certain table and students would be rotated around to me. When the students arrived at my table, we were working on their workbooks. Each group was on a different page and we worked until the timer went off for the students to rotate.

There was such a difference in each group. The groups are done by reading level and the first time I was able to work with each different group I could really see the levels. Many things that were said in the higher level small groups would have been inappropriate for the lower level learners. I had never noticed what variation there was in teaching until this day.

The students really seemed to connect with me this day. There had never been a time when I could just sit and talk with different students and they feel like my attention was on them. Whenever one student would be asking me a question, another would ask on just to have me talking to them. I think due to this they are getting to see me as a real teacher. When I am sitting there with them I feel like I have a lot of authority. The students really seemed to listen to me when they came to my table and this has given me confidence in the whole group as well.