Building Relationships
Building relationships is crucial to the success and growth of a beginning educator. Consider the following tips to build and strengthen your relationship with your TECC or Intern.
- Share challenges faced and strategies used to overcome barriers
- Conduct a conference while taking a walk, sitting outside, etc. to reduce stress
- Model trustworthy behavior/ confidentiality
- Attend to stress management strategies
- Develop common and shared vocabulary
- Seek opportunities to grow together and move across the continuum from consultant to coach.
- Mentoring Matters: A Practical Guide to Learning-
Focused Relationships, Laura Lipton & Bruce Wellman

Special PDS Elementary Science Workshop (May 31 and June 1, 2012)
Science and Technology for Elementary Teachers (CI 754J) Corbin 251 (9:00 am to 4:00 pm) (1 graduate credit hour)
Come enhance your skills in this 2-day summer academy to teach elementary science and integrate technology with Mary Robillard & Shirley Rose. Experience hands-on strategies for science and learn to use an i-pad to support your students learning. Each participant will earn 1 hour graduate credit and receive an i-pad (grant supported) to use in their classroom. Enrollment will be onsite the first day of class, but class is limited to the first 20 teachers who contact Teruko at teruko.mitchell@wichita.edu E-mail Teruko to reserve your academy seat today. Available only to teachers in the Professional Development Schools.

Keeping Staff Committed to the Partnership
Are you looking for a way to inform your teachers about the logistics, program design and/or ideas for how and why to stay committed to our partnership with WSU? WSU faculty would be happy to address your staff about the great opportunities for Professional Development School (PDS) sites. Consider having WSU faculty speak to your staff during the upcoming in-service day on April 30th. They can share information or answer questions. Contact Amy Snodgrass for more information.

Reminder!
Remind all CT’s to have observations complete and ready to turn into WSU! Thank you!

Special PDS Technology Workshops
(May 29 & 30) or (June 4 & 6) Technology in the Classroom (CI 708 K) Corbin Computer Lab (8:30 am to 4:30 pm) (1 graduate credit hour)
Come enhance your skills in one of two 2-day summer technology academies to learn new strategies with Smart Boards, i-pads, and computers to support technology integration into your classroom. Experience the latest in Web 2 enhancements and new technology with Kim Davis, Jenny Gridley, and/or Amy Belden. You will experience first-hand new techniques, strategies, and technologies to support your students learning. Each participant will earn 1 hour graduate credit (grant supported) for their participation. Enrollment will be onsite the first day of class, but class is limited to the first 20 teachers to contact Teruko at teruko.mitchell@wichita.edu for each session. E-mail Teruko to reserve your summer academy seat today. Available only to teachers in the Professional Development Schools.

Save the Date!
On May 3rd, Cooperating Teachers and Interns will be invited to learn about the work together in the fall! Cooperating Teachers who will be working with fall Interns will be invited to learn about the work together and review handbooks and materials in preparation for the fall! This meeting will be at the Marcus Welcome Center from 5:00 to 6:45 pm…If you will have a Teacher Intern save this date.

Wichita Public Schools Dates to Remember
Apr. 6 - Conference Release Day
Apr. 30 – District In-Service Day
May 23 – Last day of school
May 24 – Non-teaching duty day

Wichita State University Dates to Remember
May 3 - CT/fall interns Meeting
May 8 - Last day of attendance at assigned schools
May 11 - Final student evaluations Due CT’s