

Climbing a Ladder

Weekly Report 03/26/18 to 03/29/18

This week has been an opportunity to catch up on housekeeping activities and reflect on how my recent observation experiences have built of my knowledge of Occupational Therapy. With Final Presentation Night approaching in just under two months, I have been keeping great progress with my final product as well as creating the invitations to pass out to friends and family.

Regarding my final product, I have just purchased the materials to construct the ladder. I spoke with my mentor about the most efficient way to construct a semi-circle shaped three-dimensional structure that will closely resemble a tool that an actual OT would use in therapy. We came to the conclusion that rather than using curved PVC pipes for the frame of it, it would be more efficient to use flexible plastic tubing. My mentor revealed to me that curved PVC pipe as I was picturing does not actually exist, as all PVC pipes are either straight segments or corners. I will be using popsicle sticks for the steps on the ladder, and pieces of the remaining foam from the floor to add grip and cushion to each of the steps. I look forward to the creation of this challenging yet crucial element of my final product.

The other significant milestone that I have accomplished this week has been the creation of the invitations for Final Presentation Night. I stayed true to my color palette of greys and shades of teal in order to maintain an appearance of professionalism. I also made sure to select fonts that display elegance and draw attention to my invitation. Because this project was not in any way related to my final product, it was a chance to take a break from the product's construction and focus on the logistics of upcoming FPN.

In the coming week, my goal is to use the advice given to me during my mentor visit last week, where I discussed my observation of Pediatric OT, to continue to construct a meaningful and functional model of my Sensory Room that can be used to demonstrate skills and tools that therapists can use to help develop the motor skills and sensory awareness of their young patients.