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*Weekly Report 05/14/18 to 05/18/18*

Last weekend, I finally presented my Sensory Room to the public in Frisco Commons. I cannot describe how overwhelmingly interactive and successful this presentation was. When I first arrived at the park, I had trouble finding a place to set up my display where people would actually stop and notice it. Then, there was the problem of calling their attention to it without seeming like another entrepreneur trying to sell something. Eventually, I decided to set up my display right in the entryway to Hope Park, the playground of Frisco Commons. By doing so I was able to easily catch the attention of countless young children and their parents.

Surprisingly, the people drawn to my display most quickly were the young children. I suspect they were mostly attracted to it simply because I allowed them to draw on my drawing board, but their interest in the model brought their parents simultaneously over so that I could explain the functions of the components of my structure. After I finished explaining my structure and the general information about the ISM program to each parent, I handed each one an informational pamphlet. I am very proud of how well the branding depicted my quality and investment in my work. One of the little girls saw the QR-code to my website on the back of the pamphlet and said, "Woah! You are going to be internet famous!" Even though she was exaggerating, her enthusiasm and that of the other children alike demonstrated the true effectiveness and impact my project had on its viewers.

My final product is now complete, but the year is not. Although I feel my work for the year is done, I know I need to persevere to Final Presentation Night when I will share my work with not only families in my community but also with an academic audience. I have recently prepared for Final Presentation Night when I gave a dress rehearsal speech to my synchronized skating team. I set up my display board and portfolio in the ballet room at the ice rink and used my laptop to show my visual aid. I believe the awkward arrangement and somewhat distracting audience including several small children has really prepared me well for FPN where I will need to persevere through various distractions. I look forward to demonstrating the entirety of my work this year in Final Presentation Night next week!

