

In doing my apprenticeship, I choose education because I like education better than business and I also think that I have more talents and abilities in teaching. Moreover, I choose to teach children because I love children and because I think educating children is fun and important. The earlier children learn about language, the better the result is, because children can absorb what they learn faster than adults.

The reasons why I choose LLC as the place of my apprenticeship are because, first, LLC is a place where I have worked and become a teacher before I do my apprenticeship. Second, at LLC I learn many things and also improve my teaching skills a lot.

LLC stands for Logic Learning Centre. LLC was founded on 27th July 2002. LLC is one of the education institutions that have high standard of quality. The owners of LLC are Mr. Santoso, Mr. Kuncoro, Mr. Herry, and Mrs Elisabeth. They believe that business in education is long-lasting.

LLC is run daily by Mrs Elisabeth and Mrs Aryanti. Mrs. Elisabeth is the one responsible for everything in LLC because she has experience for almost twenty years in education. She is a teacher in SMPK, SMUK 1 BPK and was a lecturer in faculty of *letter of Maranatha Christian University*. In January 2003, Mrs. Aryanti was hired as the coordinator to help Mrs. Elisabeth in managing LLC.

LLC wants to change the interpretation of people that learning is something difficult and boring. The vision and mission of LLC is to make children think that learning is fun. To realize it, LLC provides the necessary facilities like computers, scanners, air conditioners, a canteen, a kitchen, 6 classes, and a library. They also provide many kinds of lessons like English, Mandarin and also private lessons to help students who have difficulties at school. The English classes in LLC use teaching methods and also English learning and teaching books from Singapore. The students will get certificates after finishing one semester. LLC also has "*calistung*" class, which teaches reading, writing, and counting for three until eight years old students. As for the Mandarin class, LLC hires a native speaker from China to be a teacher.

To become a teacher at LLC, one should have a good personality, high integrity, be honest, loyal and initiative. He or she should be 21 years old or older, also a graduate from S1 or DIII Programme of English, Mandarin, or Economy. He or she and be cooperative, should like and be patient with children, be able to the students. He or she should also be able to use the computer especially Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. Especially for an English teacher, one should possess good English skills. The same requirement goes for a Mandarin teacher.

The routine that I always do at LLC are briefing, preparing the assignments and the lesson plans before class, preparing and making sure that the activities and materials are suitable with the age and the ability of the children. I also should make weekly reports on the material and all activities taught. There is also weekly discussion and evaluation with the coordinator.

My schedules when I become an apprenticeship at LLC are every Monday and Thursday I teach first until four grade from two o'clock until four

o'clock and then on Tuesday and Friday, I teach kindergarten at two o'clock until three o'clock, I have break time until five o'clock. At five o'clock I teach five until six grade.

My dominating assignments are teaching English according to the topic and material that we prepared beforehand, making sure that the children understand the material, and reviewing the material at the end of class.

The difficulty that I face when I teach is sometimes the children do not do what I ask them to because they prefer chatting with their friends, do not pay attention, or there is noise outside the class. I solve this situation with the help of the teacher assistants. I usually ask the teacher assistants to come closer to the student to refocus their attention. Sometimes when the student is crying, I ask one of the teacher assistants to take him/her outside the classroom to calm him/her.

The English skills that I use during my apprenticeship are speaking and reading. From the two aspects, speaking is the aspect that I use the most. I use this when I teach the students, give instructions, explain the lessons, and when I teach the students how to say certain words with the right pronunciation. Reading skill is used when I read the reference books.

According to the LLC coordinator, I have enough teaching experience so that I can handle the class well and if there is a problem occurs in the class, I can handle it quickly. However, I should improve my English skills, especially my speaking skill, because it is very important to teach the students the right pronunciation. I should also learn how to cooperate with others, follow the right instructions, and finish my tasks on time.

Finally, I can conclude that I get many experiences and benefits during my apprenticeship. I can expand my abilities and skills in teaching and also learn

many things. I practice more on how to teach, make lesson plans, manage the class and work in team.

I have a few suggestions for LLC, I think it would be better if the level of the lesson and the children's ability in the class are standardized LLC should hold placement tests in order to put the students in the right level. Another suggestion, I think LLC must add some new teachers because the number of the student at the moment is not appropriate with the teacher.

I also have my suggestion for DIII English Networking Programme, I hope the apprenticeship programme will be maintained because it is very useful for the students to have real work experience and know how to work with other people. Moreover I think the lesson that support apprenticeship such as Techniques for Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Teaching English to Young Learners, for education sector and English for Tourism, English for Business, and also Public Relations Communications for business sector, must be maintain because all of them are very useful for the students in doing their apprenticeship.