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Visiting the students who will partake in my literature circle, for the first time, allowed me to have the chance in getting to know beyond their surveys they had taken. Unfortunately I was only able to meet four out of the five students, but all and all it was a great first experience. The students were introduced to literature circles and what they entail. I gave a book talk for five chapter books, and the students voted on the one they liked the most. The most popular vote went to *The Face on the Milk Carton* by Caroline B. Cooney. This book is very suspenseful with a bit of mystery, a book that I’m sure they’re going to love. I teenage girl notices a face of a little girl on a milk carton, that little girl is her. She realizes that her current parents had kidnapped her, but why? Janie Johnson tries to piece things together in search of answers.

I have not chosen a student to observe yet since I haven’t met all the students in my literature circle. One student out of the four that I did meet is drawing my attention the most. He stands out from the rest because he is going to be a challenge. He told me from the get-go that he dislikes reading and he seemed very uninterested when I and the rest of the group were discussing potential books for our literary engagement. I cannot rest my final decision on observing him though until I meet the fifth student, and see what she has to offer.

I am really excited about our next meeting with our literature circles. We will be reading the first page of *The Face on the Milk Carton,* and we will be practicing the various roles students will have in participating in our future discussions together. I am hoping that all students will be actively engaged in their reading and taking upon their roles, and that we will have a great experience getting to know each other through our engagement with the story.