Ms. Sewell stated that she became a GWTeach Mentor Teacher for many reasons. She said, "Among them is her pleasure of having Ms. Sewell as a mentor during the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Sewell teaches 2nd grade at Janney Elementary School in DC and has been teaching for 15 years. She was nominated by multiple GWTeach students who had the opportunity to encourage the development and growth of teacher candidates; help them develop planning, explanation, and behavior management. She moves easily from one activity to the next and allows students with all different learning styles a chance to shine in math. She is calm and does not raise her voice. Another mentee stated, "Ms. Sewell’s teaching style is one that I would like to exemplify if I were able to make active learning virtual. It just felt exactly how she had always imagined being a teacher would feel like."

Step 2: Inquiry-Based Lesson Design

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Congratulations on Mr. Thomas Bright. As an apprentice teacher, Jason Starita taught at School Without Walls High School with Dr. Starita is a member of GW’s class of 2020. They study Astronomy and Astrophysics at GW, minoring in Math and STEM. Originating from Monmouth Beach, NJ, Jason loved being able to check back in with all of their students after the switch to online learning on May 1. The “Daily Do” is intended to improve students’ “sensemaking,” or ability to grasp a concept after reading about it and discussing their findings with their peers or parents. In each blog post, the NSTA provides guidance and prompts for “Dinner Table Discussions” young students can have with their parents to promote this. The “Daily Do” posts science topics and accompanying resources that students can use to study the topic, websites and ebooks for students to visit, probing questions, and topics for further conversations students may want to have with others.

Congratulations to Ms. Valerie Sewell! GWTEACH MENTOR TEACHER OF THE YEAR

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