**Core Competencies Reflection**

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|  | Core Competency: Creative Thinking**Here is evidence that I can…** generate new ideas, build upon my ideas, build upon or combine ideas of others, develop ideas through experimentation or writing, use setbacks to advance my thinking, take significant risks with my thinking etc.Here is evidence that I can generate new ideas by looking at problems surround my family, and trying to develop based on original productHere is confirmation that I can generate new ideas by connect my thinking to my life. During the invention project, I couldn’t think of a useful idea. My invention was supposed to separate food and protect them from squeezing. I came up this idea after I thought about life problems. At first, I was making a hook that people can hang the quilt, but then I found that someone already made it. By randomly looking at pictures on websites connected to life, I noticed people put all the items they bought in one bag and just let them squeeze together. Meanwhile, my family went to shopping. Many fruits were “broken”. I asked friends and seniors members about their thoughts of shopping bags quickly and combined some other ideas to create a basic plan.While I was working on the project, I also found that my folder were separated into several spaces which was to help people classifying stuff and make them easier to find things. I got this idea and put it into my bag. I thought that separate food was its main function, but it was useless if it was too simple. People buy stationery and tools as well, so I changed my original plan to plastic boards, so they could put books, food, tools etc. in one bag, and didn’t have to worry which one would be pressed by which one.Ways I want to improve are…I want to improve my ability to generate new ideas. When I am trying to get some ideas that are new to my classmates, I always focus on one topic and can’t jump out of the box. My thoughts that first come up always been made or done already. I tried to think of something amazing, but my ability can’t support my big ideas. There’s lots of details I can’t explain. I think that the main reason for this is my confidence. I don’t trust myself that I can explain everything clearly, so I give up big ideas and try to find a easier way. Also, it might because I am not as creative as I though. But now I want work on my confidence to face the challenge and get better on this. |  |