INTERVIEW
WHAT’S IN A NAME

1. What is your given, official first name? (As opposed to your middle or last name.)

2. Tell me why the person(s) who gave this name to you chose this first name? For example: Are you named for a relative? Someone admired by your name giver? Did your name giver just like the sound of the name? Are you really unsure?

3. Do you have any nicknames? If so, how did you get them?

4. Have you ever had negative, embarrassing, or unfortunate experiences related to your name (first, last or nickname)? If you feel comfortable to do so, tell me about it.

5. While you may be perfectly happy with your first name, if you could change your name what would you like to change it to? Explain this to me.

6. By what name would you like the instructor, the members of this class, and me to call you?

7. Okay, __________, tell me a few neat things about yourself. (For example – where you are from, where you have been, characteristics about yourself you like, achievements/recognitions you have attained)

8. Thanks, __________. What interests you about entering the field of teaching? Which teaching field do you think you might like to pursue? As of today, what are some of your long term goals?