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Job Shadow

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Job Shadow Narrative

On August 31, 2016, I took a visit to Lincoln Elementary school to job shadow a teacher since it is something in my future I am considering to be. During this job shadow I got the chance to interact hands on with students and help them out and even teach some of them. I learned a lot actually.

As I arrived I was a bit nervous but mostly excited. I love interacting with children in general especially teaching them. As I met with Mrs. Totty I introduced myself. I began with a simple conversation, asking her about her day and her students. Some of the students already full of curiosity wanting to know why I was there came up to me. As they came up to me they were full of questions: “Why are you here?” “Are you our new teacher?” “Are you a tutor?” and many more questions were asked. As they waited for my answer I explained to them I was there to job shadow their teacher, Mrs. Totty, which I need in order to graduate.

After our introduction, I sat patiently observing Mrs. Totty give out instructions and interact with her students. Before she gave instructions she asked the class about their day. Asking them for highs and lows some students were tired and others were having a good day. When instructions were given the students all quietly, listened and then began to follow them. As Mrs. Totty left them to do their work, she then came to sit on her desk where I was patiently waiting.

The interview then began. As I began to interview her with my ten questions I got comfortable with her. Kaitlyn was very sweet and I could tell she’s a caring person. She was actually looking forward to being interviewed. She expressed herself very good when responding the questions. As she is the leader of the after school program she then explained to me of what she does. Shortly after the interview was finished I got to go around the class and check out the kids. As I introduced myself, I began to help some students and talk with others. It was awesome.

Interacting with the students was my favorite. I got the chance to tech and learn at the same time. As I’m helping those students with their homework or assisting them with their questions, I was able to learn from them as well. I got an insight to how these kids think and see things. It amazed me.

After it all though, job shadowing was very good. I interviewed Kaitlyn and I even became friends with her. She is a good teacher, full of life. I enjoyed being around the kids especially. They are so creative and full of “wanting to know”. Their curiosity brings my attention and amazes me. Hopefully one day I too become a teacher.