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Job Shadow

One of the requirements to finish my senior project is to Job Shadow someone with a profession. I decided to job shadow a teacher not just any teacher but a preschool teacher. The reason why I wanted to job shadow a preschool teacher was because I was really looking up to seeing what their job was like specially because I love kids I like to watch them learn new things at their beginning age and even helping them. As the day of my job shadow got closer and closer I got more excited about it because I couldn’t wait to meet new little kids and see how they learned and played.

The day was finally here! September, 6, 2016. As I was entering Jefferson Elementary School so many beautiful memories of my childhood came back to me. I hadn’t stepped in that gate for six years till now I was so glad to be there again. I was a bit nervous because my old preschool teacher wasn’t teaching there anymore so I was going to interview the teacher that was teaching this year’s preschool. When I was walking down the blacktop I remembered when I was such a tiny little girl and thought how many footsteps I left back there when I was a kid and now that I came back I was stepping on my own small footsteps that I had one day left behind on that blacktop but today I was walking on my little steps as senior in high school ready to do my job shadow.

When I entered the classroom I heard a sweet voice saying good morning to me. As I looked up I saw a young teacher smiling at me saying “Hi I’m Ms. Liz”. I answered back and said good morning I’m Mireyda”. I took a seat in a small chair then she told me that first the parent’s drop their kids off in the classroom and sign them in. Then the kids take a seat in the carpet and sing along with a song and Ms. Liz picks helpers of the day while the girls wash their hands to eat breakfast. After that the helpers serve breakfast for their classmates.

The preschool class has their own schedule once they get to school they eat breakfast then they have carpet time were they talk about the days of the week and about patterns. After that they get to go outside and play after they come back inside and have stations were they can play or use tablets to read stories and even have time with a teacher to color or draw. Later once the stations time is over they sit in the carpet and read a book. Finally they get to go home it’s an amazing experience that I enjoyed to be all day with them. Throughout the day I asked Ms. Liz some questions in order to complete the job shadow.

I asked her what training or education was required to do her type of work? She answered that she never imagined that she was going to end up teaching preschool it was something so amazing that I didn’t see coming from her she said she first took nursing classes at Visalia College of the Sequoias and ended up transferring to Cal State Northridge. When she entered Cal State Northridge she took Child Development classes and started her career to teach preschool. I loved the experience of my job shadow there’s two shifts a morning class and p.m. class I made new friends and had a great day with them. A Preschool teacher has many priorities but their job is one of a kind.