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Period 5

**Job Shadow Reflection**

On February 23, 2015 I took a visit to Washington Union Elementary School to do my job shadow for my senior project. I originally wanted to job shadow someone in the nurse field because that’s my real dream job. But due to the patients privacy it was not possible to do someone from the nurse field. Therefore I did my second dream job which is being a teacher. So I chose to do a teacher because I really like working with children. So if I change my mind on ever being a nurse I would love to be a teacher. In my job shadow I met a lot of wonderful kids and the teacher was really nice her name was Claudia Gutierrez and taught kindergarten.

As I arrived at the location I was really nervous because I never went to school there or anything so I was a bit lost looking for the classroom to go to on this cloudy day. When I finally arrived I met the teacher that I had never met before and we talked about each other for a while to get comfortable with each other. After that she walked me around her classroom and showed me around her desk and told me how she runs her classroom and what she does.

Once school finally started I decided to help her hang some things that she needed to hang on the walls while she sang with the kids. When I was done doing that I sang with the kids for a while till it was time to work on something else. Next, they had break inside because it was raining. After that they started to work on their notebooks on math or vocabulary so I started calling up the children one by one and making them count their numbers one through one-hundred and see how much they improved from the last time they said their numbers. Their goal was to reach one-hundred without any help or messing up but some kids only made it to 30 and were all sad so I worked with them longer to help them get better and kept telling them to repeat them to me.

Next, lunch came so I went with the kids to lunch and sat with them till lunch was over. When lunch was over and we went back to the classroom that’s when the teacher had time for me to ask her questions so that is when I got out my question list and asked her some questions about her job.

Overall, I really enjoyed my job shadow. I learned that you have to have a lot of patience especially for kids in the lower grade I also learned you have to repeat the assignments for them. In the end I think it would be fun being a teacher maybe not a kindergarten teacher but a second grade teacher or something.