

## Experiences

In the summer of 2010 I babysat for a neighborhood family from seven in the morning until about three in the afternoon. Only so much television time was allowed each day, so I had to come up with ways to make going outside to play seem exciting. Together we came up many games, just with the supplies we had in the garage. Quick thinking and a few random supplies were able to keep the kids entertained for hours.

During my senior year of high school, I took the Teachers for Tomorrow class. We spent the first half of the school year at our own high school learning about the profession. The second half of the semester we went out into the elementary schools and observed. We were in our elementary classrooms from seven in the morning until eleven. At first I started off just helping the students that were struggling with mathematics, as time went on I picked up more and more responsibility. By the end of the school year I was taking daily attendance, leading reading time, grading homework and quizzes, assisting with lessons, and even teaching a few lessons of my own.

Once I decided I wanted to switch from liberal studies to PHETE, I thought it'd be a good idea to observe a gym class. I went to my mom's school one day thinking I'd just observe the gym teachers, but they had other plans. At first I was just on the side lines watching, but then the teachers had me start interacting with the kids and getting into the games. By the last lesson of the day, they thought I had seen them instruct the same lesson enough times that I could do it now. I introduced the days lesson and explained the game along with rules to the class. I stopped

the lesson multiple times, simply by pausing the music, to correct things or modify the game. I was surprised how well the students listened and how much they seemed to love the class.

### Community Service

I joined the Girls Scouts of America when I was in 1st grade. I worked all the way up to receiving my Silver Award in 10th grade. Throughout the years we participated in many community service projects. Quite often we would help in the nursery/day care at one of the local churches. One summer we ran a two week long day camp for children in the community. We supervised their jungle gym time, played kickball, and on Fridays we would create an obstacle course for the kids to compete in.

For the past two years, I have joined the Longwood Women's Club Lacrosse team when volunteering at the LCVA 'Art till your heart is content' event. We would have to supervise stations and explain what our station was about. The kids were always so excited to craft and always had a 'crush' in mind, that we got hear all about.