

Big Help for Education Post Internship

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About a month ago I met the sweetest kids in the world. I went to a public school in India to do a summer internship project with these kids. This school was my dad's old elementary school; it's a public school that doesn't have much money. There were only 5 teachers and most of the rooms didn't even have desks and chairs for the kids. I went to this school through Big Help for Education, which is nonprofit organization my family has been a part of since it was founded. I went to a 5th grade class to talk about schools here in America and how they're different. Also, to tell them that if they work hard they will succeed. We had a drawing contest and I taught them how to make origami flowers. I felt happy and sad at the same time. I was happy that I made a difference in someone's life. I was sad that I have so much more than they have and I'm still not happy sometimes, but they're happy with the little that they have.

When we walked into the classroom there were about 40 students. I handed out labels and markers and they wrote their names on them. As I explained my life here in the US, they all gave me weird faces due to my accent. My dad would sometimes help explain to make it easier. We talked about seasons, holidays, sports and more. Then came the fun part, the drawing contest. I gave them two topics to draw from, holidays/festivals or nature. After they finished their drawings, they

went off to lunch. We saw how little food they got, so I decided to go buy each kid cookies. When we got back we picked five winners for the drawing contest. Later, I thought them how to make origami flowers. It was fun, because even if they didn't understand my accent, all they had to do is watch my hands. If I folded the piece of paper they would repeat me. With all the flowers we made a beautiful Kusudama Ball, which is a ball of flowers. As the day came to an end, each one of them became sad and they kept asking me for an autograph and to come back again.

This project taught me what I should really be thankful for in life and that you can change a whole lot just by the little things we do. Big Help for Education Internship program has given me the opportunity to see the real beauty in life. Just add a teaspoon of love and happiness and everything will change. I went to India to do this Internship project, but I left India proud of what I have done for them. You don't have to go to a child's classroom in India to help them; all you have to do is donate. One day when these kids are fully grown, I will find them and I will tell them that I've been their #1 fan since June 26, 2014.