

Big Help for Education Post Internship

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My name is Nandika Pati and I did my Big Help Youth Internship at Zilla Parishad School, Velugupalli in Nalgonda district of Telangana, India. I did it on the 1st and 2nd of July 2016. Veugupalli is a village in Thungathurthi Constitution in Nalgonda district of Telangana, India. The high school had 6th to 10th grade and in each class there were about 30 students. I volunteered in a 7th grade class.

I'm connected to this school because my dad and his most of his family went to that school. There are a lot of differences and similarities between our education system and the Indian education system. One of the advantages the Indian education system has is that the students don't have to switch the teachers will. The first day I went there the kids were waiting in there seats. I was kind of shy when I first went in but couple of minutes later I wasn't.

I started of with a little intro about me like my name and where and what grade I was in etc. Then I started to talking about America and here and there I asked the kids questions and they were asking me questions. That went for about a hour and then I showed them some photos of my school and house. Then the kids had a break for 10 min so I was answering their questions. After the break I handed out souvenirs and they were pennies. Then I started talking to the students , about the five food groups (grains,fruits,vegetables,poultry,dairy). I was asking everybody what there favorite food is and what there favorite vegetable is. I taught them how to play pictionary but I changed stuff up a little bit instead of drawing plain old things I told them that they could only draw vegetables and fruits. The girls won and I have each girl pencil. Since I had a few left I gave some to the boys that behaved good in class. I

had a couple of more minutes so I was asking the students quantities and they were asking me questions.

The next day I started of by saying a little introduction about myself again and that just took 5min. So i started of by teaching them how to make a origami flower. Then I started passing out the origami paper and was going around and helping people. I only had a few staplers so I was stapling some for them and some students were doing by themselves when everything was over we took some pictures of the paper flowers. We were already on our 2nd activity for the day which was painting cherry blossoms on a piece of hard stock paper. I passed around the papers and plates I showed the first step and they followed me and the showed them the second step and a couples of steps later it was cherry blossom tree. After that we took some photos and all my Activities were over so all the students went outside and planted some plants.

We came back to the school afters lunch the students danced and sang. We then gave backpacks to the 7th and 6th graders and for those who didn't get backpacks we gave them chocolate. Overall I really enjoyed everything, and I think that the students enjoyed it to. I would like to thank my mentors Anita aunty, Pratima aunty, Rekha aunty, and Mythalli aunty.

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