

**Bighelp For Education Post Internship
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Over the summer, I did my Bighelp internship at Zilla Parishath Upper Primary School, where Mr. Bikshamayya is the Headmaster. Zilla Parishath Upper Primary School has classes from grades one to seven and also holds a daycare (Anganvaadi). The school has eight teachers and a technician who runs the technology room which is also the staff room.

The school is located in the small village Cheekatimamidi, Nalgonda, Telangana where my dad grew up. The village is well known for its large farms where many of the villagers work. Currently many of the farmers were ploughing their fields, ready to start planting. The rainy season weather is perfect for growing crops.

On my first day of the Internship program, it was really sunny outside. Once I got to the school the classroom was warmer. I could barely manage for two hours without a fan. I was surprised that no one complained about the heat even though they had to sit in it all day long. The way that the school is built helps create more shade outside when the kids play.

The school has about ten rooms, one for each class, the staff room which they also use as the technology room, and the day care center. The school goes around the center creating a playground for the school. My grandfather (a respected person in the community and has always found ways to help the school) recently installed a new gate and is thinking about a way to supply clean water to the bathrooms and cleaning centers. Even though the school doesn't have much, the students seem really happy with what they have. I was surprised that there are about 200 kids in the school.

On my first day of the internship program I was really nervous. Once I got there I got a very warm welcome from the teachers which made me feel much better. They led me to a class of sixth and seventh graders. Mrs. Sunitha, the Math teacher, helped me get familiar with the class. I saw that the kids were also hesitant when I entered. I started with my introductory speech which took about two hours. I talked about myself, my home, and my school. Mrs. Sunitha helped me a lot when I was trying to understand them and when they were trying to understand me. Soon they started to answer my questions confidently and sometimes they asked me questions. From this session I learned that their school supplies food for them at lunch without pay (mid-day meals).

After they got to know me and I got to know them we moved on to the next activity.



My first activity was the art workshop. I had chosen a snowman drawing to draw with them. I drew on the chalkboard as they drew on their paper, that I passed out. As I passed out the crayons and pencils they all started to talk excitedly. That made me look at crayons in a different way. I had always taken crayons for granted but now I am grateful for them. As they colored carefully I showed them some techniques of how to color. The art workshop took about two hours because the students drew very carefully and added extra details. I ended the session by telling them that I would pick the top three drawings and give those students a prize.





On my second day of the internship, the weather was windy but also sunny. We directly went into the classroom. My second session was about nutrition. I talked about what is good and what to do if you want to stay healthy. I told them about the healthy plate, talked about the five main types of foods they should eat and also asked them what types of food they should eat. I was stunned at their enthusiasm and knowledge on this subject. They knew more types of food than I did. After talking about it I gave them a little quiz. I was surprised at the scores and how easily everyone had grasped the information I talked about.



After the test I conducted I said my note of thanks before passing out the backpacks to the fifth, sixth, and seventh graders. I gave out calculators for the top three scorers on the nutrition quiz. I also gave out crayon packs for the best snowman drawings they made during the art workshop. Everyone was very excited to receive their bags and prizes.



When I was leaving not just the sixth and seventh graders but the whole school was saying bye. I felt grateful that I had made many friends. I learned many things from the actions shown by the kids there. One thing that I learned is that you should be happy with what you have.

I observed that the kids became more and more enthusiastic and confident as I kept asking questions. The second day was more of a conversation rather than a lesson. I also made many friends including Sahithi, Sri Laxmi, and a lot of other kids.

There are many people who made this internship possible. First I want to thank my mentor, Mythili aunty for helping me throughout the process and letting this presentation become a reality. I also would like to thank Mr. Chand Pasha uncle from Bighelp for helping every step of the way and for giving me this wonderful opportunity. I want to thank the school staff for taking time out from their schedule for me to conduct my internship. I want to thank Mrs. Sunitha from the staff for helping me during the presentation. I would love to thank my dad for organizing and coordinating the event, my mom for helping me practice and get the presentation right, and my sister for making me smile when everything wasn't working well. Finally, I would especially love to thank the students of the school for the cooperation and enthusiasm they showed in my two days of internship.

The newspaper also wrote about my internship

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మునుగోడు రూరల్: మండలంలోని చీకటి మామిడి గ్రామంలో బిగ్ హెల్ప్ ఫర్ ఎడ్యుకేషన్ సొసైటీ యుఎస్ఎ ఆధ్వర్యంలో ప్రాథమికోన్నత పాఠశాలలో 40 స్కూల్ బ్యాగులను విద్యార్థులకు అందజేశారు. యూత్ ఇంటర్నల్ షాప్ 2017 ప్రోగ్రాంలో భాగంగా రెండు రోజుల పాటు ఆర్ట్ క్రాఫ్ట్ హెల్త్ ఆండ్ స్టూటిషియన్ పై వర్క్ షాపును కొండోజు ప్రయాంకచే నిర్వహించారు. ఈ కార్యక్రమంలో ఎస్ఎంసీ చైర్మన్ నర్సింహ, అండాలు, గ్రామ సర్పంచ్ జీడిమడ్ల యశోద, ఎంపీ టీసీ సర్వప్య, పీఏసీఎస్ చైరెక్టర్ పాపికొండ సైదులు, మాజీ సర్పంచ్ యాదయ్య గౌడ్, కొండోజు ప్రశాంత్, ప్రయాంక, పుల్లయ్య, హెచ్ఎం బిక్షమయ్య, శోభరాణి, సునీత, జ్యోతి, మోహన్, ధనలక్ష్మి పాల్గొన్నారు.

