My Stay at Washington Elementary School

On October 21, 2016, I took a visit down to Washington Elementary School to do my job shadow on Mrs. Cercado, a 5th grade teacher. I chose to interview Mrs. Cercado because I myself am interested in joining the field of education. I got to see Mrs. Cercado in her everyday routine, and how she gives instruction. I also got to see the students in there learning environment.

I chose to arrive early for my job shadow, but as I stood outside of Mrs. Cercado’s classroom I began to get nervous, because she was my Kinder Garden teacher, and I haven’t seen her in over 14 years. I didn’t know whether she would remember me or not. Then from around the corner she came to unlock her room, she saw me and suddenly she got a big smile on her face, and said “Oh my gosh Fidel it’s been so long, you’ve gotten so tall”. I responded in relief by saying “Oh good so you do remember me” and I smiled back. Soon after she unlocked the room and said happily “Please come in, come in”.

Once we got inside, the bell rang and the students began to walk through the door, but as they did they notice that I was there and they kept staring at me as if I did something wrong. Once they all took a seat Mrs. Cercado introduced me to her class, and she began with her lesson staring with a quick read from a book. It amazed me how the book captivated the student’s attention. They were all quite fascinated by what was happening in the story.

Another thing I got to do was see the kids in their music program. I was told that this program was recently added. It must be amazing for the kids, they get to sing learn songs, and they get to take instruments home! I wish they this when I was there. Another thing I did was help teach the kids. I helped give them instructions on how to write simple, compound, and complex sentences.

The thing I liked the most was being able to help the students learn. I also really enjoyed seeing the kids sing and play their instruments. One thing I didn’t like was how some kids were really rude. One student called the music instructor mean, and other students were just interrupting when the teacher would give instruction.

So do I still want to become a teacher? although I feel like I don’t have enough patience to tolerate any misbehaving kids I still want to be able to teach the minds of tomorrow. So the answer is yes.