

## Abby Keppler- AmeriCorps Fall 2002 Irving Elementary School

I completed my 450-hour placement at Irving Elementary School. I had many different opportunities to be a part of different classrooms, different grades, and various programs. Neither words, nor pictures can accurately describe the wonderful experience Irving Elementary was for me. My time spent at Irving was nothing short from amazing. I created bonds with children and teachers that I didn't think was possible in the 15 hours I put in each week. It is truly astonishing to know that each child I worked with impacted me in such a strong way. I am so glad I was given the opportunity to be a part of the children's lives and their education. My life will never be the same.

I am an elementary and early childhood special education major. AmeriCorps has given me the chance to gain more experience.



Thanks to AmeriCorps and Irving, I had the opportunity to grow as a person and as a teacher. I felt so great knowing that I have helped so many children succeed in areas that they might not have otherwise. Everyone of the children I worked with improved to some extent, and I would like to think that I played a small part in it. I was so blessed to be an AmeriCorps Member and part of Irving School. I learned that if I set my mind to anything, I will accomplish it. Children are my motivation, and as long as they remain in schools, so will I.

