

Carissa Bruner- AmeriCorps Fall 2002 Dubuque Community Y

During my 450 hour placements, I spent the school year at Hoover Elementary School with the Y Before and Aftercare program. I had a lot of fun this school year at Hoover. The children were great and I am sure they all had a terrific time. I know I did. Everyday the children would bring so much to my life and helped me grow a lot. The kids were always happy and made me laugh. Just seeing them with a smile on their face always made me happy. The school year was great and I hope that the children had a good time. I hope that I had as much of an effect on the kids as they did on me. I hope that they were able to look up to me and that I was a person that they felt comfortable with and trusted. Everyday I was presented with a challenge whether it was an easy or difficult one. I was able to help the kids with their challenges and hopefully make an improvement in their lives.



We held a
Mardi Gras
Party.
Everyone had a
great time
breaking the
piñata.



During the summer I was placed at the Dubuque Community Y working with the Cool School Program. The children were either going to be in kindergarten or first grade. At the Y, we would take the children to different field trips or have different activities going on. We were always very busy which made the days fun for the kids. Working with the younger children was definitely a handful. Some of the kids had a hard time listening to the teachers and following directions. I was able to work with some of the children that were having a difficult time following directions. Throughout the summer, they improved a lot and I was very proud of them.



I had a lot of wonderful times working with these children. They were all so much fun even though some were more of a challenge than others. I am going to miss all of the kids and the great lessons they taught me.