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Hoover School and Summer Playgrounds

When signing up for my second term with the AmeriCorps program I was hesitant. I had a great experience the previous summer, but working throughout the school year would be a vastly different position. As I worked with the second grade class I helped with math, writing assignments, science projects and was always there to be a friend. At the end of the year, I left with new friends and had a feeling of satisfaction. I knew that I had helped each child in some way and that they appreciated my support and guidance.

In my second grade placement, we worked hard
but also had a lot of fun!



During the summer I worked on the Audubon and Comiskey playgrounds. We filled our nights with games, art projects, educational units and field trips to local points of interest. The children were having a great time and also learning social skills like fair play, communication, compromising skills, and problem solving skills.



Audubon playground activities
consisted of tag, capture the flag, flag
football, four-square, and numerous
other activities.

Working at the playground didn't seem like a job at all because I was having so much fun playing games with the children. I felt like I was a young child again who was on summer vacation.