

Aaron Newton- AmeriCorps Summer 2003

Resurrection

I was placed at Resurrection Child Care Center for 300 hours over the summer. As I started the summer I came up with four personal goals that I wanted to follow. The major goal I wanted to accomplish was to meet and work with other caring people. I feel that this goal was accomplished over and over again. The staff that I worked with was just amazingly supportive of everything that I tried to do. All my ideas and suggestions were considered and many were used throughout the summer. Also, I would have to say that my supervisor was extremely easy going but also organized and helpful making my position much easier. My favorite aspect of the position was the time I spent with the children. I think there were so many things they have taught me that I don't think I can ever forget. I am so pleased with the outcome of this position because I feel it made me a completely different person and mostly for the better. AmeriCorps has only strengthened my desire to teach.



This summer was filled with lots of fun things to keep the kids busy.



Another reason I chose this position was to see what the teaching world was like. I know that this position was not exactly the same as being a real teacher but I got a feel for what the environment and expectations to help me prepare for my future teaching role. Another thing that the AmeriCorps program accomplished was making me realize that not all children are TV perfect but each child, no matter how difficult they were, had that one special thing that made them unique and enduring.

Over the summer I feel that there were many skills that I honed into, like being a little more responsible, gaining more patience, and learning to take action when needed. I felt that these were the biggest things that I wanted to take with me when my placement was done and for the most part, I feel that it was a success. I feel that taking the action was the hardest part of my job. I hate correcting children, but I soon came to realize that this had to be done in some instance. I did however get commended on my approaches to the children by many parents and I just left those days with grins because I did make a difference and what I do can change someone's day, week, year and possibly their life.

Aaron is Cool

Receiving mementos from the children was a nice memory of the summer.