

Journal #1

I chose to go to Cottage Lane Elementary for my Senior Seminar project. When I first chose to do Senior Seminar I knew I wanted to go to a school with younger kids. I was talking to my cousin, who works in Cottage Lane, who she thinks I should go intern with and she said Mrs.Coatti would be a perfect teacher to go intern with. It happens that I had Mrs.Coatti for fifth grade. I was worried to email her, because I thought maybe she wouldn't want me to come to her class. She was so excited to have me come in.

I was so nervous to go in on Monday. What if the kids don't like me, what if they judge me, what if I can't help them and i'm not a good help to Mrs.Coatti. When I first got there, there were no kids in the classroom because they were in tech. That was a good thing because Mrs.Coatti spent that time explaining the classroom environment and how some of the kids are in the classroom and their personalities and maybe what I can help with later on once I get more comfortable. They came in a little while after and Mrs.Coatti introduced me. Some asked a few questions about Senior Seminar. On Tuesday I got to spend more time with the kids because they were in the classroom for the whole time I was there. They were doing some writing work on a reading. I was able to walk around and see what they were writing and got to help a little bit. Math was next and I helped a few more kids. I was so excited, my second day there and I was already able to help a tiny bit. Wednesday was a snow day so I couldn't go in. On Thursday I got to see the switching class, which is Mrs.Sainzs class. They seem like a nice bunch as well. They switch to Mrs.Coattis class for social studies, and I had the chance to go around and see what they were doing and answer a question when Mrs.Coatti was helping other students.

I am so excited to be doing this internship. I can't wait to spend more time with the kids and watch them grow during the rest of the year. I want to be able to work with them and get better at explaining things to kids in a way they may understand better.