Job Reflective Narrative

On November 1st 2016, I job shadowed an Elementary school teacher called Mrs. Jovel. She teaches 4th grade at Washington Elementary and she is a multiple subject teacher. I chose her to do my job shadow because I want to become a teacher one day. During my job shadow I had to sit and watch every step she made, and I learned multiple things about being a teacher.

As I entered her classroom I felt extremely nervous because I was at an Elementary school where there are kids who tend to be outta hand sometimes. In my head I thought to myself “if I want to be a teacher one day I’m going to have a group of students as well might as get the experience right now” so I entered. As I walked in I got all the looks at me like if I was a famous person. I got asked if I was a sub and I said “no I’m just a student at Lindsay High School doing my job shadow.” They asked what that was and I said it’s a requirement for graduation it’s like a day where you go and interview someone, a person who has the same interest as your future career.

I sat and watched Mrs. Jovel teach. I was shocked at how it takes one person to get the attention of 30 or more students. I realized how important it is to have patience with kids and in order to be able to teach you need to make lessons somewhat fun. We went outside so the kids can understand how big a thousand looks. We used chalk to draw big squares on the concrete and then they counted 10 squares which equaled to 1000. What amazed me the most was seeing their face expressions while they were doing this activity.

Throughout the day I learned multiple things such as you need to be strict so that students can listen to you. I also learned that in order to get their attention you should use methods such as counting down “5,4,3,2,1.” This method is really good because as soon as you get to 1 the whole classroom is silent. When I become a teacher I’m most likely going to use the same method Mrs. Jovel used.

Overall my experience with my job shadow was tremendous. I feel like I’m more prepared now and more strongly about what I want to be. Being a teacher is a hard job but I’m up for hard challenges. I can’t wait to see what the future has in store for me.