



Science In The Middle School Classroom



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Where:

I did my internship at Windy Hill Middle School, a public school in the Calvert County Public School System.

What:

While at Windy Hill, I spent my time in a 6th grade Earth Science classroom, a 7th grade Life Science classroom, and two 8th grade Physical Science classrooms working as an Instructional Assistant / Classroom Aid.

My responsibilities included grading papers, preparing course materials, setting up labs and helping with classroom activities.

I also had the opportunity to chaperone a 7th grade field trip. While on the field trip the students learned about Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) in the Chesapeake Bay and participated in an SAV restoration project.



Impact:

There is a lot of work that goes into running a successful classroom and many teachers feel that they are always rushing to accomplish everything they need to get done. By assisting in classroom tasks such as grading papers and setting up labs, the teachers I worked with had more time to focus on teaching their lessons and assisting students with course material.

Reflection:

Completing this internship gave me valuable experience that I can use in the future when I have my own middle school science classroom. While at Windy Hill, I learned first hand what it is like to work as a team with fellow faculty members and to manage a classroom. This internship helped me to confirm the fact that I not only enjoy teaching, but that I enjoy teaching middle school aged students and would like to become a science teacher.

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