#### Samuel Bowles Elementary School

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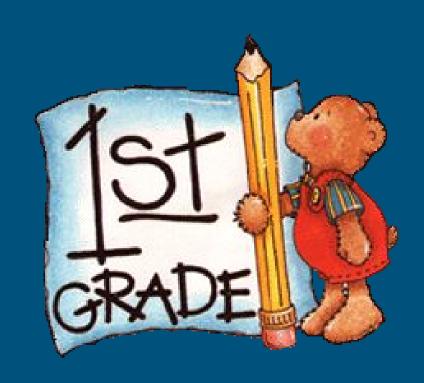
## What is my internship? What type of populations do I work with?

- We provide afterschool programs for the students.
- We allow the children to
  - Snack
  - Do Homework
  - Join a club
- Grades first grade to fifth grade
  - Personal primary focus first graders
- Population
  - Children
  - Parent and Guardians



#### **Typical Clients**

- Age 6 through 8
- Energetic
- Funny
- Brilliant
- Sweet
- Races and Cultures Diverse



What program was I with? What did I da?

- Springfield Parks and Recreations
  - Bowles Elementary School
- Group Leader
  - Assisted Running Art Club
  - Sports Club
  - Project Based Learning
  - Helped with homework



#### Why was the program developed? What need does it meet?

- To provide
  - Afterschool programs to families who can't afford other daycares
  - o Provide a safe place for children to
    - Play
    - Express themselves
    - Learn
- Needs Met
  - Children
    - Provide Support to the children
    - Provide help with homework
    - Provide snack

#### What did I learn about the Social Work Profession over the semester?

- Advocacy
- Community influences actions
- Social workers focus on
  - Safety of children
  - Parental Guidance
  - Macro and Micro Change
- Social Workers partner with other people
  - Psychologist
  - Alcoholic Anonymous
  - Drug Anonymous

#### What was the most interesting about your placement?

- The clubs presented daily by the group leaders
  - Sports Club Allows children expend energy, learn math,
    explore nutrition, and develop healthy habits and lifestyles
  - Art Club build children's communication skills, self-esteem and expression
- Project based learning
  - Is a teaching method in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging and complex question, problem, or challenge





## Was there anything you didn't like about your placement?

- DISCIPLINE!
- Talking to children's parents about their children's behavior



## What were my learning goals and do I feel that you met them?

- To create fun activities that every age group enjoys!
  - Yes, I participated in task weekly
- To build strong relationships with the students so
- they feel as if they can trust me
  - Yes, the children I worked with daily are always excited to see me



## What did I learn from my internship that helped me better understand a social work concept from my Intro to Social Work class?

- I learned how different skills may work with some clients but not with others
  - Multitasking
  - Time management
  - Patience
  - Dependable
- Clients do not change unless they are willing
  - When students do not have constant structure they tend to struggle with following rules

### What will I take from this semester that is most important to me about the profession?

- Any individual could use a social worker
  - Jails
  - Elderly
  - Families
  - AA Members
  - Recovering Drug Addicts







# Thank You! Any Questions?