

## Volunteer reflection

How has your time volunteering and observing informed your decision to be a teacher?

I was always nervous at the thought of teaching, but when you put yourself in situations where you need to be a leader all of that fear and nervousness goes away. At the start of the pandemic I was lost and confused about what I wanted to do in school, so when I had gotten the opportunity to help my younger sister and her friends with homework. I felt so motivated and eager to show them how to learn something that I like. So I applied to a job that met the needs that I knew I wanted to experience in order to have a look at what it was like to teach with kids. My job didn't disappoint and it was the most awesome experience ever. You connect with the kids you learn with the kids and you have fun with them and I think that's the most important thing about teaching is having fun and learning at the same time. My volunteer work varied with Greentrike as I volunteer at events with kids but also at the children's museum where I was able to experience interactions with different kids who were into art, Play make believe and exploring their own minds. Overall both jobs/volunteer work made me realize that I'm gonna be great in any teaching grade level.