

My Little bit of Time at Shady Side Academy

Duties and Responsibilities

As an after school teacher, you were to check in the children that you were assigned to before the kids are all told what stations they have to choose from whether that be the playground or maybe a different area where arts and crafts are held.

Each after school adult was assigned to a station and we make sure the kids are okay while also engaging in whatever they want to do that day while keeping a 1/10 adult to kid ratio.

Making sure to stay alert to the app that allows us to hear when certain kids are going home and making sure each kid gets out the door smoothly.



These were the first couple days that I was working at shady side. I got a picture of some of the kids playing in the sandbox and also got a beautiful picture of the pre-k school with all the leaves changing in mid October.



A nice and probably not problematic game of GaGa Ball. Watching them play this game when it was still warm out was always fun.



This is a picture of the kids playing in the gym on one of my first days. I stood in the back trying to get to know some of their names.



A cool shot of the gym with the shady side bulldog logo in the middle. This was right before the chaos of all the kids running through those doors on the right began



All the kids meeting in the circle where they learn all the places they can go for the day.



The dreaded day of perler beads.



Sitting down in the gym taking a break after playing a couple rounds of basketball with the kids.



A shot of the playground while a couple kids played on the basketball court.



The sun starting to set as some kids still play on the playground and in the Gaga ball court.



Kids playing on the Lego wall while two of my coworkers help out with a craft for some other kids in wing hall.



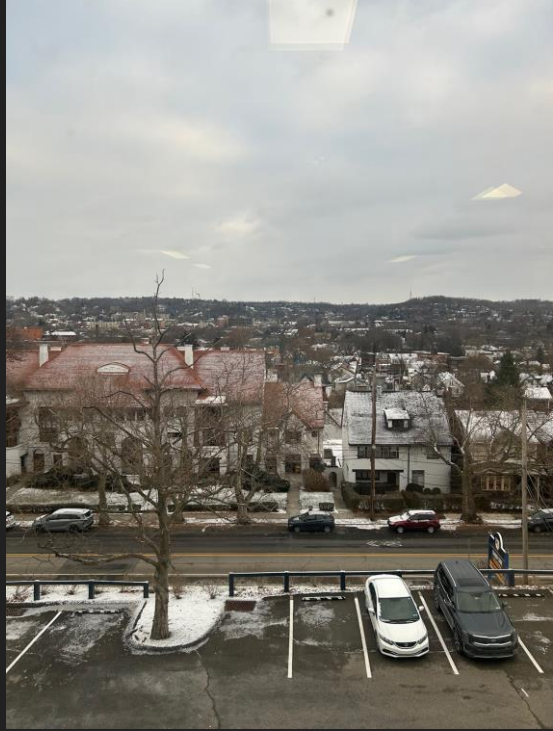
A cool shot of a teacher and kid walking down the hallways that connects the gym and wing hall.



A game of kickball that my one coworker and I got to join in on in the gym.



This is a picture of one of the enrichment classes that they are able to participate in. This particular one is right before they are about to begin the fencing class and this was just one of the many classes that they were able to take.



An awesome shot from the art room at the top of the main building that was built in 1909. A cool overlook of the neighborhood that surrounds the school. I got lucky to be placed for an art craft up here this day.



A cute picture of kids playing in one of the first snow days of the year.



This was one of the disaster days where one of the biggest messes ever created was made during a craft before Christmas break. One of the more hectic and wild days but definitely the most memorable



A calm scene of my coworker playing football with four other boys on a foggy day in December. I stood on the steps watching over the kids on the playground as well.



This is just a piece of the incredible architecture from the original building. There were so many amazing parts of this building.



This is a picture of the front of the school and the first thing that you see when you go up the driveway. The sun coming through the trees on the snow made for a pretty cool picture.



A super cold and snowy day in January and not many kids want to be outside too long in the temperatures we were having.



A different angle of the super snowy and cold day.



A picture of kids playing in the gym while I was supervising them on the last day I was going to be at Shady side.



This was a picture of the one inservice day that I got to be apart of for a nice 8 hour shift. We got to do each shift in rotation and have a nice lunch in the middle which is shown here.

My Overall Experience

Through my couple months of working at shady side I have loved every minute of it. I would recommend this job to anyone who is interested in getting into early childhood education work. It teaches you the patience of working with kids in a class setting and will be an incredible start to working with kids kindergarten through 5th grade. You should expect to be alert for issues that may pop up and always stay up to date with how many kids you have in your vicinity. The staff is incredible and the kids are pretty easy to deal with for the most part. Try to get to know some of them. You quickly realise how much these kids look up to you once they get to know you.