

## Dare to Dream

Ever since I was four years old I've wanted to be a teacher. Both my parents are teachers, so I figured it's just in my blood. Throughout my whole life the dream to be a teacher has never gone away, it's only grown and changed as I've gotten older. There have been phases of course, when I would change my mind to wanting to be a veterinarian or an author. But my dream of being a teacher soon expanded to me wanting to teach kindergarten because I just love working with the little kids. I find it funny to tell people that I want to be a kindergarten teacher, because they give me a funny look and say things like "Oh really? Good luck with that..." or "Why would you want to do that?" I just laugh and say that it's something that I've wanted to do for a long time, because I don't think that kindergarteners are too crazy, or too loud. I love how young and welcoming they are, how they can accept you easily and just have fun. I love the bright colors throughout the room, the stuffed animals scattered in shelves and on tables, and all the fun little things we forget about as we get older.

Last year, I actually got to do an internship in a kindergarten classroom and it was so much fun. After class one day when I was talking to the teacher, he apologized to me and I couldn't understand why. He told me that he was sorry for how the kids were acting that day and I replied honestly, that I hadn't even noticed. I had just thought that's how kindergarteners were supposed to act. I'm actually glad I got to do the internship and really experience what it was like to work in the profession that I had been dreaming about doing for so long. At the beginning I thought that doing the internship might make me change my mind about kindergarten. That what people would say was right, and that kindergarteners would be too crazy for me. That I wouldn't be able to handle it, or them. But in fact, it was the exact opposite, I felt so comfortable with the kids. They'd stand next to me, hold my hand or try and play jokes on me. It was so adorable and at the end I couldn't bear to leave.

After watching my mom and seeing her passion for what she does I know that I really would love to be a teacher. I'm not really sure about all the details just yet but I know it's definitely something that I want to pursue in my future, whether it's here in the

U.S. or somewhere else entirely. That is my dream for myself and I know that I will do my best to make it a reality.