



My volunteer experience with children has come in multiple settings. I have been in classroom settings, I have been a coach, I ran an after school sports program and I have volunteered as a parent volunteer on school field trips. Each experience brought different challenges, insights and growth. Coaching kids soccer I was dealing with children who were excited to be there. Juggling different skill levels, motivations, attitudes was interesting to say the least. Finding the right combination of energy levels, skill and attitude was the challenge that was very rewarding both for myself and the kids when it was achieved. Volunteering on class trips with my kids was equally rewarding, but very different than coaching. As a parent volunteer there is a different expectation than one would have as a teacher. Becoming a teacher, I feel it was very beneficial to have had that experience as a parent. Knowing what it is like dealing with a teacher as a parent, offers great insight and provides empathy when it comes to me dealing with a parent as a teacher.