



**What is your name and where are you from?**

Daniel. From Denver, Colorado

**What's a positive about serving elementary and Pre-K kids during a pandemic?**

A positive about serving at an elementary during a pandemic is we get to see these kids face to face. Relationships are easier to gain and the kids are retaining more and more information daily. Being in person makes the pandemic less scary to these kids. We don't need these kids to be worrying about whether or not they're going to catch COVID or not. We stay safe and healthy and worry about getting an

education. It's a beautiful thing to see.

**Tell me about an "I want to remember that forever" moment you've had with a student.**

I was walking back to my workspace, and I was in the hallway. Next thing I hear is a little voice saying, "Hewwo!" I look around (forgetting that I tower over the little ones) and see a little hand waving at me. I look down and it's one of the kiddos in 1st grade saying hello to me as I was walking. It was adorable, and she was so polite and nice.

**Describe a moment during your service that touched you.**

A moment that really touched me so far was meeting the kids. They are so innocent and haven't been exposed to the evils of the world. They don't judge. They care about each other. They play as equals, learn as equals, and they treat each other with nothing but respect. Being one of the only people of color at my school, I thought I might intimidate the kids, which has happened before. However, these kids welcomed me in with open arms and lots of love.

**Who or what is inspiring you during your service term?**

What is inspiring me this service term is really just the fact that I have structure. I come into work at 7:30 and leave at 2:45 Monday through Friday. It's really helping me mold into this world. There's a lot of times where, because of the way I look, I am underestimated and overlooked. However, the fact that the school I am at treats me with respect and they treat me as an equal makes me feel confident about my work.