My overall experience with the mentoring project was a positive one. I enjoyed working with the kids, had fun playing games, and even enjoyed breaking a sweat outside. My mentoring project gave me the opportunity to learn things about myself and children. I come out of this having learned several things that I want to apply to my career.

The first thing that I learned is that there is a certain age that I really enjoy working with. I found that I had the most fun and enjoyed mentoring the most when I worked with children who were young. I loved working with the kindergartners through third grade. I felt like they needed guidance the most and that they enjoyed my company as well. When working with this age, I found I could be as silly as I wanted to and they still loved me.

Though I loved playing, I found that I really like to work with the kids in a more structured environment. This would include a specific game, but mainly homework. I have always loved school, so I enjoyed helping students with their work. I feel by them receiving help they will have a more positive attitude toward school and homework. I know the kids liked for me to help them because I became several of the kids homework buddy.

I would encourage anyone who is wanting to go into education to take this class so that they have the opportunity to work one-on-one with kids. The relationship that a teacher has with kids is very important and working with kids must be something that the educator loves. I realized that working with kids is something I both love and want to do
on a daily basis. Educating kids will not only better them, but in a sense I will be helping the community where I live because these kids are our future.