Career exploration

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Mission statement:

My mission statement in this Ready, Set, Teach program is to inspire and reach out to kids through volunteering/student teaching while also learning about and experiencing the joy that comes with a future career in teaching and education. While focusing on patience, love, respect, and building a safe and fun classroom, I intend to find a passion for the schooling pathway while also helping to interact with the students by helping them to grow themselves and their knowledge for life.
Some of the qualifications that are necessary for being a first grade teacher are:

- 1st grade teachers working in public schools must have a bachelor’s degree or higher in elementary education. These programs may include courses in child development, behavior management, and teaching methods for common subjects. A student teaching component is usually involved. (Such as this course in Ready, Set, Teach)
What is it like as a first grade teacher??

1st grade teachers typically work with children ages 6-7. They teach things such as addition and subtraction along with nouns and adjectives. We also help to teach teamwork and work with games and activities that make learning fun and enjoyable.
Some skills needed for being a 1st grade teacher are:

- A talent for communicating with young children is essential for the job since many first graders are still learning how to behave in a classroom setting and learn patience.

- Giving students fun and attention seeking lessons to help keep them focused while learning the skills they need.
In this career I am looking to overall make an impact in each of my students' lives and trying out different grade levels to experience each age group and just teach children in a fun and meaningful way.
A mentor in my life that is already helping me is my Ready, Set, Teach teacher or just any teacher I have had in general. They have help me by teaching me skills that I can adapt and use in my future years and will help to mold me into a great and admirable role model for my future students. By applying these skills and techniques in my life I can make my dream in becoming a teacher a reality and will be able to hopefully inspire and help a child like my mentors helped me.

"A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone else thought they could.”

- Unknown

A mentor empowers a person to see a possible future, and believe it can be obtained.

- Shawn Hitchcock
Teaching doesn’t necessarily have a specific advancement. You can, however, get a job placement with more responsibility such as principal or administrative placement such as a counselor or assistant principal.