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The 3-day job shadowing program offered a rich variety of experiences, each highlighting different aspects of early childhood education. From innovative teaching methods to outdoor learning and creative approaches to numeracy, every day brought new insights and inspiration.

On the first day, we explored an innovative teaching method called NTC. Ms. Mattea explained its principles and demonstrated how it enriches children's fine motor skills in imaginative ways. NTC strengthens muscles, hand-eye coordination, and sensory integration, all developed holistically. We also observed a physical education session across different age groups, which revealed how movement supports overall growth and learning.

The second day immersed us in kindergarten outdoor education. Together with students and educators, we ventured into the forest and observed a storytelling session enriched with related activities. It was fascinating to see children carry sticks and logs to build nests and burrows, directly connecting play with the narrative. This hands-on literacy experience showed the power of nature in fostering creativity and language development.

On the final day, we focused on numeracy. Educators used creative methods and resources to make numeracy meaningful and engaging. Their planning, tied to the current classroom theme, demonstrated how numeracy can be seamlessly integrated into everyday learning.

Overall, this job shadowing journey was deeply meaningful, both professionally and personally. I gained fresh ideas, practical skills, and inspiration from dedicated educators and mentors. Documenting this experience will guide me in



future practices and planning, ensuring that what I've learned continues to shape my growth.





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