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Hello, my name is Tyana Marcello. I am in the Bachelor of Arts Applied Psychology program with a concentration in Applied Theory and Research. My placement was at Chaffey-Burke Elementary in Burnaby with a grade 4 class. My career goal is to be an Elementary Teacher (grades 2-4) and this experience solidified my choice for my career.

For my placement, my duties as a Teacher's Aid (getting materials for the class, keeping the kids on task, helping with the reading group practicing pronunciation, circulating the classroom answering questions), as an Educational Assistant (working with kids with ADHD, ASD and LD), and even the opportunity to do my own lesson so I can start my own "little library."

It was a fun and educational environment that provided me more one-on-one with children. It is one thing to read on how to apply different tools for diverse learners, but it was amazing to see how they were modified to fit students needs. I also got to see how to assess children that need some extra help and even provided my own observations. Additionally, I wanted the kids to feel comfortable and safe to talk to me both as a student teacher, but also as someone that is willing to listen to them. A tip that I would share is to ask questions (it shows that you care) and to check and see what barriers students face to better yourself and the supports for kids that need it.