

My Experience as a NSF Ambassador

My name is Krishna Dave and I am going to be a freshman at Nashua High School South. This summer I went to India for the span of 5 weeks. During this time, me and my sister hosted a 2-day spelling bee workshop for 7th and 8th graders at D.P. Desai School in Nadiad, Gujarat. This school was a government affiliated private school, meaning all the students came from lower income families. About 2 days before the workshop, we came to know that we were going to be teaching in a gujarati medium school. We had the lists ready which included words like necessary and quadruple. However, we had to lower the level for the gujarati medium students and thus, make a whole new list. The school was located in an old building and didn't have any A.C or fans. When we went to go teach, we started off by giving a small quiz to see where their level stood. Then, while I was evaluating the quizzes, my sister was playing spelling games with them. At this time, we came to know that the kids were struggling with the word lists we had prepared. We realized that the words we had thought of were too hard. At this moment, both of us began to panic about what we were going to do for the rest of the day. We were originally going to write words on the chalkboard, to give them for practice for the bee tomorrow. But we couldn't do that anymore. Following my instinct I picked up the chalk and began to write a word on the board. Dust. Following me, my sister began to think of other words, and we created a whole new spelling list on the spot. Using this list we resumed our original plan, and without any hassle finished the day. The next day was the bee. We went around the room asking each student a word. If they got it wrong, they would be out, and if they got it right they would continue. This section lasted longer than we thought it would. All the students had prepared the words! After 2 hours of the spelling bee, it finally came to an end. The first-place winner got 100 rupees, the second place winner got 50 rupees and the third place winner got 25 rupees. All the students a participation certificate with

some candy and a pen. We also had an ice cream party for all the teachers. This experience was one that I will never forget.



