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I really enjoyed this trip because I was able to step out of my comfort zone and enjoy the small differences I made to people's lives. One of my favorite parts of the trip was going to the elementary schools on the first day. I really enjoyed this part of the trip because I worked with kids who aren't given the same opportunities as the people who were on the trip. One very special moment for me was when the second group of kids came. I was given 2 kids like everyone else and then I saw a boy walking towards me and I asked him his name. He said his name was Jomari and sat down. As I began to read the book, I asked all the kids if they wanted to read also. As all the kids read I saw that Jamari was not able to read like the other kids. After all the kids read, we were told to perform the step dance. Right when the other kids started to dance Jamari began to cry because he did not want to dance but he wanted to keep on reading, so me and a friend stayed behind and read with him. As I began to think about it, when I was in first grade I was able to read and did not feel as though I wanted to stay behind, I felt comfortable around my grade and my peers. I realized that in order to give these opportunities to other kids we all must not just see them once but see them many times in order to make a lasting impression.