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As a youth worker in the Burndale Homes community of Auburn, South King County I strive to build positive relationships with youth and help facilitate personal, social, and educational growth to help these youth reach their full potential in life.

Some of my favorite moments of my service revolve around times that the youth are fully engaged. These engaging moments involve the youth actively participating in lessons and hands on activities. For example, during my first few weeks as AmeriCorps youth tutor at Burndale, my site partner and I did science experiments with the youth. One of the experiments we facilitated was making putty using borax. This was a great activity that the youth really enjoyed! It allowed for the youth to understand the importance of following instructions while also having fun. I remember one student saying how he was going to come back every day to the center because this lesson really engaged him. For me, this was a huge compliment because I knew I was taking part in making this child's day fun and exciting. Another experiment we tried was the Mentos and Coke experiment. The youth took full ownership in this experience by choosing how to distribute the Mentos into the Coke. As a result we ended up holding a competition between groups to see whose Coke made the biggest explosion. Boy was that a blast! Going forward I hope to keep the youth engaged by facilitating and leading creative lessons during PBL.