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I worked in the Aikiyam school for 3 ½ Months. From 17th August 2009 till 30th of November 2009 I spent the whole time in the Kindergarten of the school. For the first 7 weeks I worked in the LKG with Vijaja and Kalai.

I introduced the idea of running Free Play once a week with the whole Kindergarten. Free Play is a method, which offers the children different activities, such as painting, dancing, ball games, playing in the sandpit, cutting and pasting, etc. The task of the teachers in this case is to open a space where the child can choose one of the offered activities by themselves. Because of the openness of the teacher and their interest in new activities the Free Play project was very quickly established and an improvement process could start. The installation of the Free Play technique was a pleasure for me; now the teachers are able to organize and implement Free Play on their own.

Working with the team of teachers was always a pleasure for me and now I feel like I'm part of the team. I hope that the recommendations I gave the teachers will continue to help them in the future. During my time in the Kindergarten I recognized all the positive and negative aspects of education in the context of the Indian culture. I recognized that each nationality has its own advantages and weaknesses. I hope the different nationalities working together at the school will create a surrounding for the children where they can grow to their full potential.

At last I want to thank the Aikiyam School that I could spend time here at the school. The experiences I had here will influence my future direction. During my time at the school I had the opportunity to develop myself a lot.