



Service-Learning Opportunity for FGCU Students

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church · Sanibel, Florida

Afterschool Program Assistant

Support the Afterschool Program Leader in providing a safe, engaging, and well-supervised environment for elementary students from The Sanibel School. Volunteers assist with homework help, crafts, reading one-on-one or in small groups, and formation experiences. This is an excellent fit for students in education, child development, social work, or anyone who enjoys working with young learners.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Each Thursday afternoon, St. Michael & All Angels opens its doors to elementary students from The Sanibel School for a structured, welcoming free afterschool program. The hours between the end of the school day and the end of the workday can be difficult for island families, and this program gives children a consistent place to land — one where homework gets finished, friendships get built, and every child is known by name. The program is rooted in St. Michael's mission of hospitality, service, and care for its neighbors, offering island families a nurturing space where every child is treated with dignity and encouraged to grow.

WHAT STUDENTS DO

- Assisting the Program Leader in supervising elementary-age students throughout the afternoon
- Providing homework help and one-on-one academic support
- Reading with students individually and in small groups
- Leading and assisting with craft activities and creative projects
- Supporting formation experiences and group discussion
- Helping with setup, snack, cleanup, and safe dismissal

WHY IT'S A STRONG SERVICE-LEARNING SITE

Volunteers work with the same group of children week after week across the full program year, which allows real relationships and real growth to take hold — something a one-time service project cannot offer. Students gain direct, supervised experience in classroom management, youth mentorship, and literacy support alongside an experienced Program Leader who can speak to their development. Toll and gas reimbursement.

Skills students develop: youth mentorship · classroom and behavior management · literacy and homework support · activity planning · communication with children and families · patience and adaptability

Good fit for majors in: elementary and secondary education, early childhood studies, child and youth development, social work, psychology, counseling, and human services

COMMITMENT & REQUIREMENTS

Schedule: Thursdays, 2:00–5:00 p.m., November through April, at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, Sanibel.

Required: Completion of an online child safety course, which takes approximately 1–2 hours, prior to the first session.

CONTACT

To learn more or to apply, contact the Afterschool Program Leader at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church.

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