### **CAREERS**

# Teacher Aide

Would you like to help children learn? Teacher aides help teach children. They may work with students who need extra help. They help do things for the teacher like correcting papers and getting things ready. They may also help watch students during lunch or on the playground. Teacher aides need to be fair and patient with children.

#### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Teacher aides need to have a high school diploma. Some schools may want you to have some college training. It may depend on the job they will have you do. You need to ask the schools where you live what

training they want

you to have.

## JOB OUTLOOK AND EARN-INGS

There will be many jobs in this field through 2010. Teacher aides will be needed as special education programs grow.

In 2000, the income of a teacher aide was about \$17,000 a year. If you are working part time, it may be less. Some full time teacher aide jobs will give you health benefits. You must remember that you will not have a job in the summer.

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