

St. George Island December 2nd-12th, 2009

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We are two young energetic individuals who have a passion for kids. We are born and raised Alaskans who strive to expand our knowledge of Alaska's cultures.

We learned that even if a person is born and raised in Alaska their background is unique and different from other Alaskans.



The rural field experience is a unique opportunity that allows preservice teachers to witness a culture different from their own. This can help a beginning teacher to acknowledge, respect, and celebrate diversity in their classroom.

We visited St. George, Island. This is the smaller of the two Pribilof Islands located in the Bearing Sea.



The vast majority of our time was spent working with the primary grade students at St. George Elementary School. We spent our time immersing ourselves in the Aleut culture and exploring the island's wildlife and history.

We learned what it is like to live in a rural village. This will allow us to have a better understanding for teaching our future students who come from rural Alaskan villages.



Thank you to AEIN and the College of Education for making the rural exchange possible. It is an experience that will never be forgotten.

