Undergraduate Spotlight:

For Cat Mao, “working at the Children’s School is like taking a mini-vacation in the middle of a busy day. As soon as I see the children playing, making conversations with one another, or even getting so excited that their laughs turn into screams, any stress I have just disappears. Their endless energy is simply contagious! I definitely would love to work at the Children’s School throughout my college career, and hope to continue similar work after college.

As a pre-med student with an intended major in Global Studies, I hope to eventually become a pediatrician. I plan to work with Doctors without Borders for a year or two before settling down in San Francisco (my hometown). By working at the Children’s School, being involved in UNICEF and Global Medical Brigades, and volunteering with children in the past, my desire to help children maintain their health and well being has only gotten stronger. The lessons I’ve learned from interacting with the 3s and 4s have already come in handy - especially during this past spring break, when I travelled to Nicaragua to help set up a free health care clinic. We discovered a major similarity between the Nicaraguan children and the children here. As long as they’re playing, they’re happy! Working at the Children’s School has truly made my freshman year at Carnegie even more enjoyable, and I cannot wait to return next year.”

Shared Design Experience

During the last week of our Water unit, our Preschool 4’s had the opportunity to visit the Freshman "Design Studio II Class" exhibition upstairs in Margaret Morrison. Co-teachers Dan Boyarski and Wayne Chung focused their RE:USE Project 2013 on Animals. The children were so inspired by the creative ways the undergraduates recycled materials into art that they wanted to build their own sculptures. Since the children were studying water, the teachers challenged them to construct an undersea animal or form of transportation. They designed an amazing variety of sculptures and then invited the freshmen to come tour the preschool exhibit. At that point, the freshmen were impressed – both with the children’s creativity and their ability to explain their work!