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## Nelson Mandela

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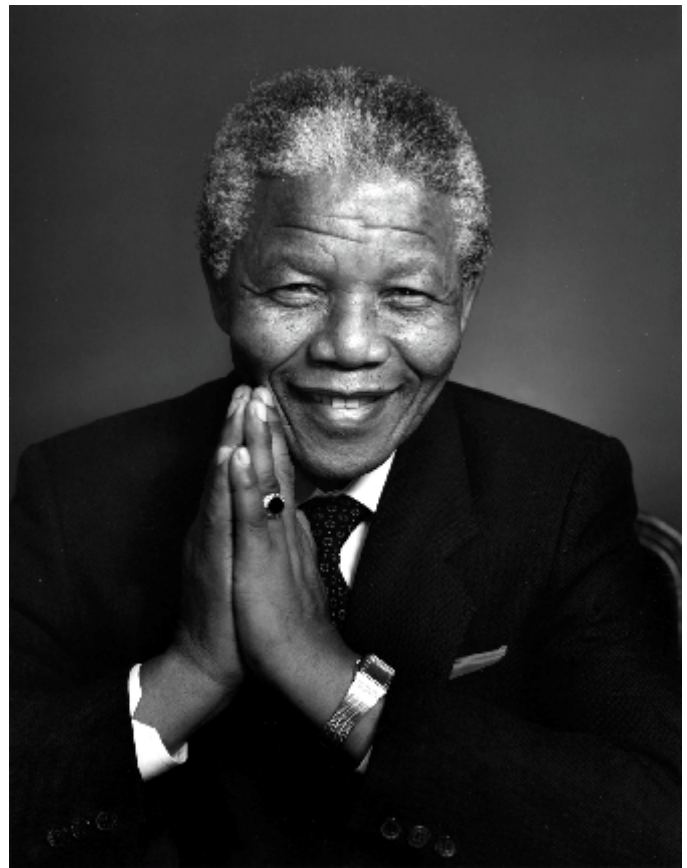
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"I have done whatever I did, both as an individual and as a leader of my people because of my own experience in South Africa and my own proudly-felt African background."

– Nelson Mandela

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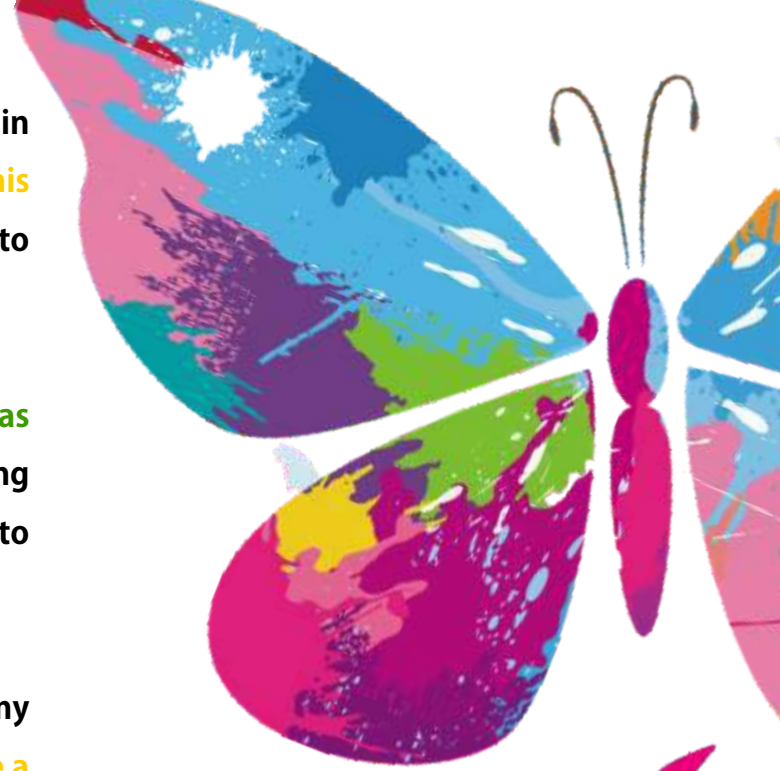
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His real name was Rolilahla Mandela. He was born in 1918 at Mvezo. **He was brave and fought for his people. He was a great leader.** He taught people to fight for their own rights.

**He had learnt a lot from Mahatma Gandhi. He was against the Apartheid system.** It was a really wrong system because the Whites did not give basic rights to blacks.

He is really inspiring as he taught me to fight for my own people. **He taught me to be brave when I face a problem.**



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### What Mandela Taught Me

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I am Arisha and I study in Grade 4 Gir with my classmates and my teacher, Ms. Nonika Sharma.

I have an elder brother who is in Grade 7, so I am used to seeing the house filled with books and homework sheets. I am also used to seeing educational videos being played and today I am writing about a particular video that interested me.

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One day, my brother was watching a Nelson Mandela video for his social studies class. I was sitting right there and I started taking interest in the video. I had my eyes glued to the T.V screen and I hung onto every single word I heard.

Nelson Mandela's story inspired me. I learned many things about him and today I'm going to write about some of them.

Nelson Mandela was the first black President of South Africa. He was an anti-apartheid, revolutionary, statesman and philanthropist. His government focused on dismantling/crushing apartheid.



Mandela was born into the Thembu royal family in Mvezo, Union of South Africa. He studied law at the University of Fort Hare and the University of Witwatersrand before working as a lawyer in



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**Johannesburg.** There he became involved in anti-colonial and African nationalist politics, joining the ANC in 1943. In 1999 he stepped down from South Africa's Presidency.

**Mandela established the Nelson Mandela Foundation to promote freedom and equality for all.** In 2004, his foundation launched a partnership with UNICEF called the Schools for Africa campaign.



I heard about all this in detail and understood about equality and hardships. **We all deserve the same love and equity no matter what!** Friendships are all around the world. **Your skin colour, hobbies, or your nationality are not related to it at all.**



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Discrimination is a very challenging and wrong attitude of people, as according to it people are treated differently due to the colour of their skin. This is what Nelson Mandela stood and fought for in South Africa and he is called the Father of South Africa.

Even today, some people practise discrimination. Some people who have come across it know that it is a really sad process because we are all same and we should not judge

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each other by the colour of our skin. **There is one person who fought and, in the end, achieved what he wanted to do and the one and the only person is Nelson Mandela who removed apartheid.**

**Mandela received more than 269 awards, including the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993. He also was the President of South Africa from 1994 to 1999. He also wrote a book titled "Long Walk to Freedom".**

**Mandela grew up with two sisters in the village of Qune, He spent more time outside with other boys. His parents were illiterate, but they sent Mandela to a local school when he was about seven.**



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The policy for the blacks in South Africa was very bad. They had to carry identification cards with them at all times.

They could not enter restaurants visited by whites and could not vote. When Mandela was in jail, planned for a civil war. However, the Government got fearful and sabotaged Mandela's plans. Finally, they removed Apartheid to prevent war.

Mandela visited jail for many years. Seeing his spirit, others also joined him and the Government had to remove the Apartheid from the system. In 1990, he became the President of South Africa.

His words are very famous "It is a struggle for the right to live."

I am very inspired by his personality and his determination for the country



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Nelson Mandela's age was 95 years when he died. His death was in Houghton Estate, Johannesburg, South Africa. His last words were, "It is an ideal age for which I am prepared to die."

What made Nelson Mandela famous? First of all, he was known for being the President of South Africa for 5 years straight, and secondly, **Nelson Mandela dedicated his life**

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**fighting for equality.** Nelson Mandela was really kind and heartwarming and because of those kind traits he gained popularity. When someone was in trouble, he would help them. He often donated to charity. He saved his country by dying for it.

**Some of Nelson Mandela's famous quotes:-**

- **Real leaders must be ready to sacrifice all for the freedom of their people.**
- **Be passionate.** “Everyone can rise above their circumstances and achieve success if they are dedicated to and passionate about what they do.”
- **Nothing is impossible.**
- **Lead from the back, make a difference.**
- **Be optimistic, learn and teach, make mistakes and don't waste time.**



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Nelson Mandela was Africa's first Black president. He was born on 18th July 1918. He fought for the civil rights of Blacks in South Africa, but was jailed for many years. He wanted Blacks to have an equal life without any discrimination.

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He had to face a very difficult life in prison, still he did not give up his Anti-apartheid movement. After many years of struggle, he finally achieved his goal to end Apartheid. To honour him, his people chose him as the first black President of South Africa.

He inspires me by giving a very important message about never giving up! and belief in oneself. His memory and work will stay for a very long time and inspire millions of people around the World. I also feel that no one is too small to bring about a change.



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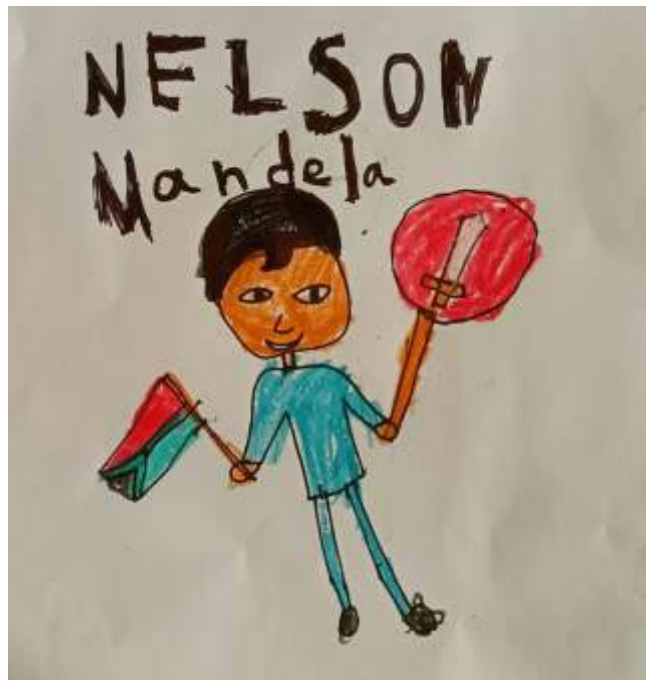
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### Nelson Mandela and Covid 19

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Nelson Mandela was born on 18 July 1918. He wanted equality for both Whites and Blacks in South Africa. He was against apartheid. His father's name was Henry and his mother's name was Noskieni. He was born in a traditional family and his father was the main counselor of the Tembu tribe. He became the President of South

Africa in 1994. His biggest achievement was to get the whites and blacks to live together in South Africa peacefully.

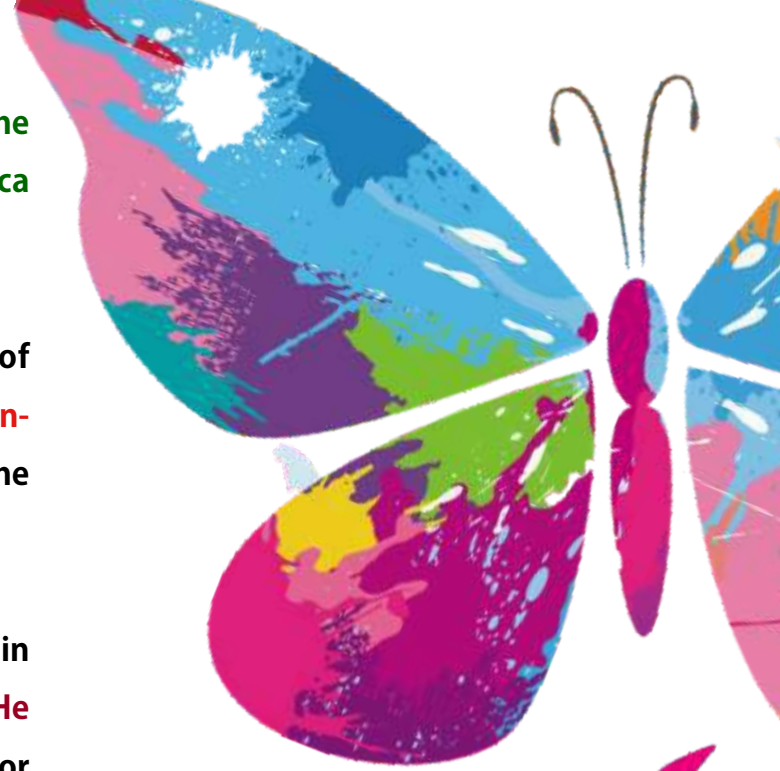
He always knew that violence was a weapon of disgrace. He also liked Mahatma Gandhi for his non-violence and was a student of his work. He was the leader of ANC (African National Congress).

He was arrested by the police and spent 27 years in prison. The size of his prison cell was very small. He had to work in harsh conditions. But he did not cry or become sad. What he did was read books about Afrikaans and he wrote endlessly.

This made him feel better and he became stronger. He wrote his autobiography in prison which is a book called the Long Walk to Freedom. He also sent messages to his people to continue to fight.

Today, due to the spread of Covid-19 virus, we also feel like being in a prison when we cannot go out to play or to the mall. It can become very difficult for us to know what to do and not become sad.

I advise you to read and write like Nelson Mandela did in his prison to feel better and not become sad. You can read many children's books or create a website to write which will help you to feel better and become a good person.



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### My earth, Wonderful earth

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The earth is our home ,  
The earth is a lovely place to go  
The sun shine's and the flowers bloom  
No other planet has a lovely room  
The earth brings us water, food, and Air  
Without these our living is rare  
We walk on the Earth who takes our weight  
Giving her a load is not very great  
Taking care of her is our responsibility  
Making her clean will make her so Happy!!  
Respect her for the things she gives  
We will take care of her as long as we live!

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### Rain

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In the monsoon the rain comes down  
To let us know he's in our town.  
The rain drops are so clear to see  
It's like they're looking at me.

But I don't like the rain so much  
As the sky grows dark very much.  
So the rain has a good and bad side  
Now we've really found out why.

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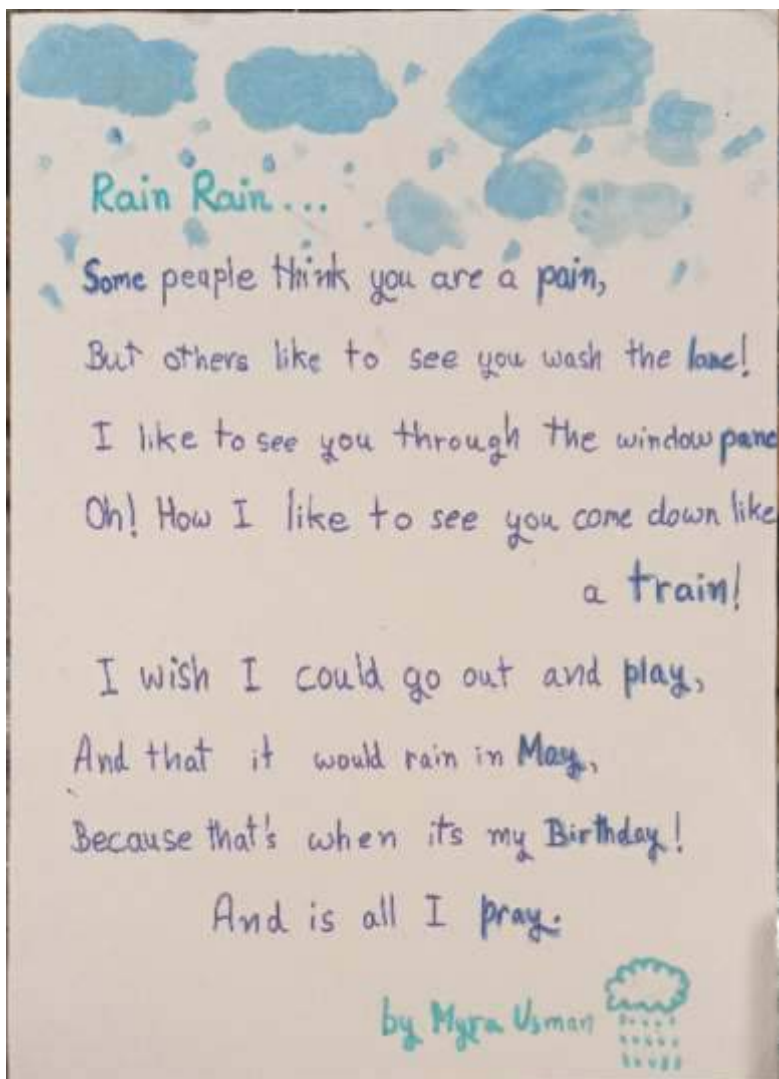
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### Harworking Coco

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Once upon a time there lived a parrot. He loved to eat chilies. He was very colorful. He had a red beak. He lived in a forest on a cherry tree. His name was Coco. One day he was very hungry so he flew away looking for food.

But he could not find anything to eat so he moved forward in the forest. Then after a long search he found some food. He ate his food. But then he realized that he was lost in the forest. Then he went in the search of his home. But unfortunately, he could not find his house. Then he decided to make his nest in this forest. So, he made his nest and he lived happily ever after.

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### The Party

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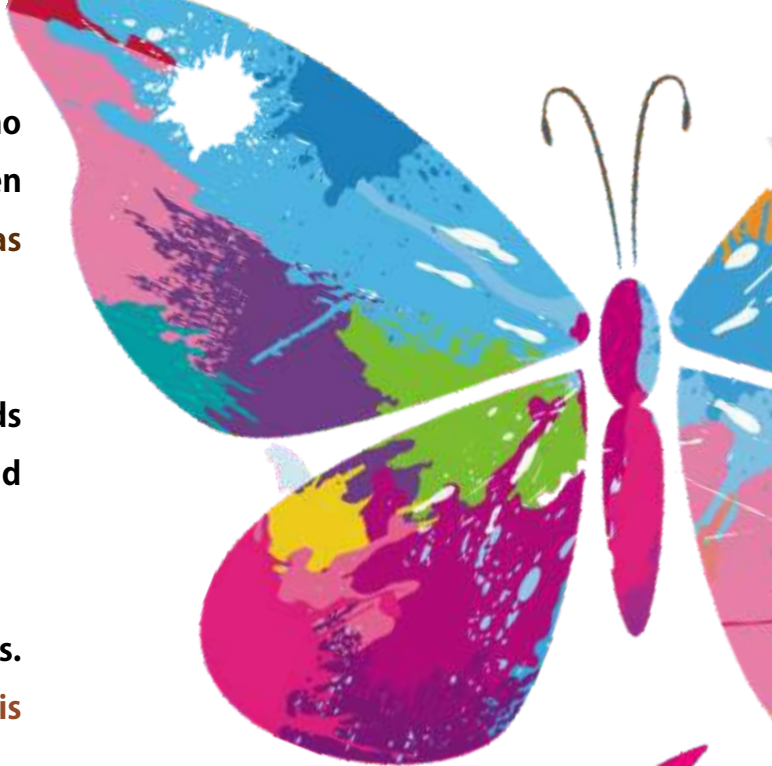
Once upon a time, an elephant called Imad lived in a jungle. Imad was a shy animal. He had two friends. One of them was Calas, the donkey and the other was Munmun, the squirrel. Every day they played together.

His friends knew that Imad's birthday was coming soon. The friends planned a surprise party for Imad. When it was Imad's birthday Munmun said that, "The cake from Moony bakery is delicious! Let's go there and relish it."

Everyone ran to the bakery. Imad was sad because no one remembered his birthday and wished him. When they ordered the cake, Imad got a big surprise! **It was his name on the big chocolate cake.**

When he saw a cake with his name on it. His friends shouted, **"Happy Birthday Imad"**. Imad was on cloud nine! He was very happy.

Everyone enjoyed the cake. He hugged his friends. They all enjoyed the cake and danced together. **This was Imad's best birthday ever.**



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### The missing bear

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Once a girl named Lilly lived in a small village. Lilly was friendly and had long hair. One day her father gave her a cute and fluffy bear. From that day Lilly always used to sleep with that cute and fluffy bear and named it Frenky.

One night someone came to Lilly's room and took the cute little bear. The next morning Lilly woke up and said, "Where is Frenky?" She called her dad and asked, "Did you

take Frenky?" Dad replied," No but why are you asking?" Lilly replied," Because Frenky is not here." Lilly thought that where could Frenky go?

Lilly went to all of her friend's house and checked if they know where Frenky was. When she went to her friend Felicia's house and asked her about the bear, Felicia said, "I don't have the bear but you can check with Emilia."

Lilly went to Emilia's house and asked her," Do you know where Frenky is?" Emilia replied," I don't know where frenkyis."

Lilly went to the village forest and saw a wand and waved it and got the bear back.



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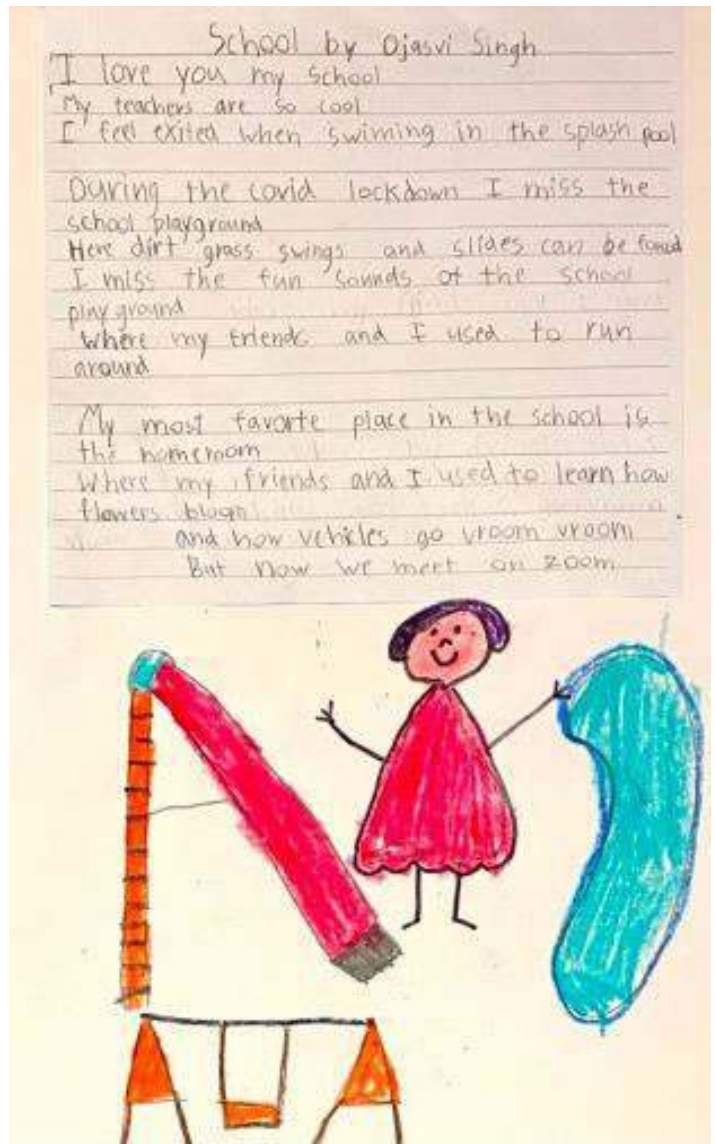
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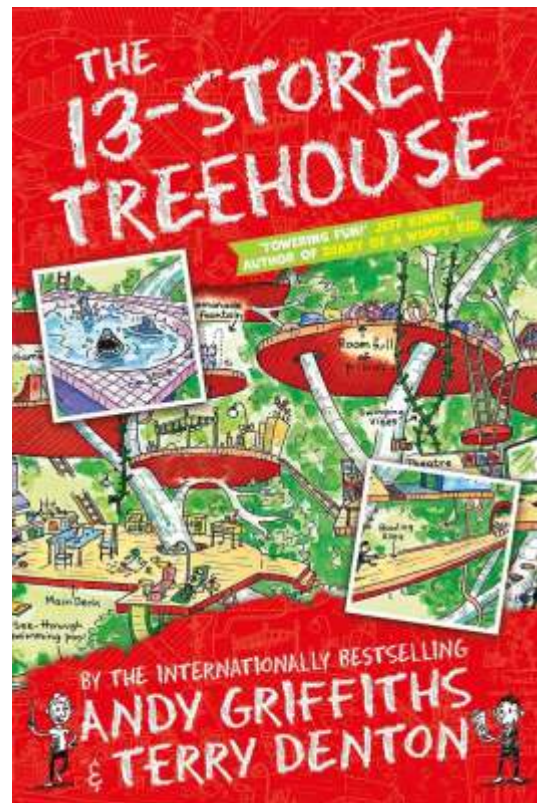


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### Book Review:

#### The 13-Storey Treehouse

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The book I am reviewing is The 13-Storey Treehouse. It was written by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. It was published in 2011. This book is a graphic novel. It is about how Andy and Terry run away from their homes and they meet at a riverbank. Then they land on a pirate ship, but

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they run away and make a thirteen-storey treehouse.

The thing I like is how Andy and Terry build a lot of crazy levels in the treehouse. The treehouse has a whirlpool, a shark tank, even a “madam-know-it all” tent! I felt it was a very interesting book. I found Mr. Big Nose very funny.



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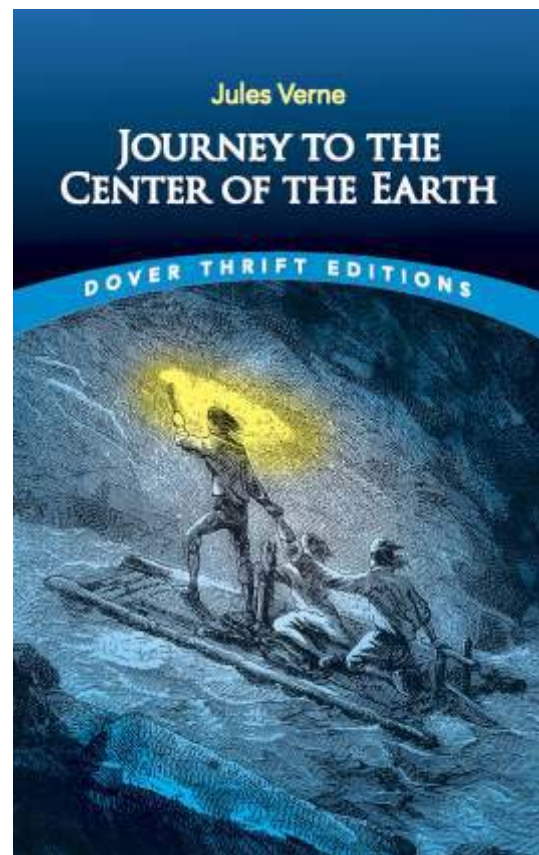
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### Book Review:

#### Journey to the centre of the Earth

by Aryaman Kumar, Grade 3, SNS Noida



I have a book to share with all of you, and I am excited about it! The book's name is "A Journey to the Centre of the Earth" Yeah, it is a strange book but surely, I will recommend it to you. It is perfect for those who like

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reading adventurous books. **The story is written by Vern Jules.** Yes, the very same author who also wrote books such as “10,000 Leagues under the Sea”, “Around the World in 80 Days”.

He was born on February 08, 1828 and was a French novelist. **He is also called as “The Father of Science Fiction”.**

**The book is about how a man, his nephew and tour guide reach the centre of the earth through a volcanic crater only to find out there exists another world within the earth.** The story has been narrated by the main character, Harry Lawson, who is the nephew of Professor Von Hardwigg. The Book has chapters and it is fun to read. Once you start reading it, you will be glued to it for at least sometime.

**The part that I liked the most is when they run out of water and supplies, see strange creatures and are hit by a bad storm covered with dirt. I give this book a 5 Star rating as I loved it thoroughly.**



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### Mango Madness

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International Mango Day is celebrated on 22nd July. Mangoes come from the families of cashews. It is the king of fruits. There is a mango called alphonso, which is the king of kings.

The mango is found only in summer season. His queen is the mangosteen.

The most expensive mango is called Mango Miyazaki. Mangoes are the sweetest fruits on the earth

### How the mango became the king of fruits

by Nevan Kataria, Grade 3, SNS Noida



Once the mango called all the fruits and said that he should be king but the other fruits did not agree and wanted to be king and argued with the Mango.

The mango said "I will be the king"

The watermelon said "No I shall be king because I am the big one"

The **pineapple** chimed in and said **“No I am the biggest one and have a crown of my own, I shall be king”**

The mango replied, “Dear friends I am thinking of some places we all can be in the kingdom of fruits, so that all of us have some duty. **Watermelon** you are as big as a boulder, you will be the **gates of my castle** and **pineapple** should be the **border guards** with its spikes and thorny crown, is that a good idea?

Pineapple and watermelon said together “No, this is not fair! You can't make us bodyguards and gate guards! No we are never going to agree to this!”

The **cherry** propped up too, **“No, no, no! I will be king!”**

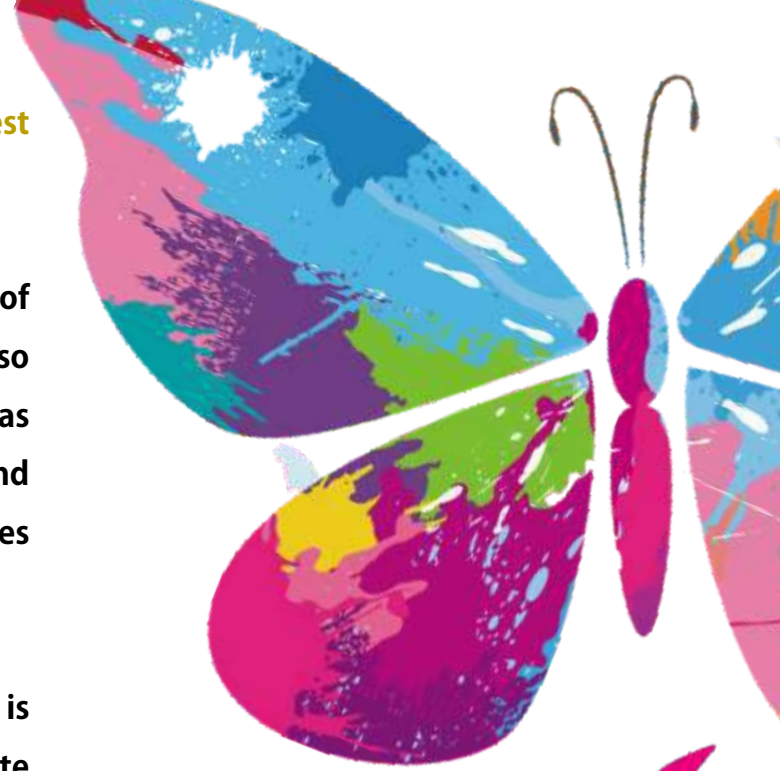
Mango said, “Dear Cherry, you come in single or doubles, so **the one who are two will be my court guards and the ones who are only one will be my personal bodyguards.**

“Okay …” said Cherry

**“Wait! I am going to be king!”** said **Litchi**

“Oh litchi, you have spikes and when we touch your body, our hands bleed, **so you shall be my major(head) commander** and lead the Fruit Army!”

As for **apple**, who is about to speak for himself to be the king, will be my **minor commander!**



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**It was thus declared that Mango will be the King.**

**It is the sweetest of all sweets and super delicious. Everyone loves it and looks forward to having various kinds of mango varieties throughout summer.**

**His majesty will sweetly handle the Fruit Kingdom and keep everyone happy and contented.**



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### Fruity Kingdom

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There was a kingdom far away from Earth. It was a weird kingdom, really weird. It was the kingdom of fruits. The king of this kingdom was Mago. Mago was a Mango. He had a son named Drago. Prince Drago loved music.

Mago hired someone to look after the prince. He was Tango, the watermelon. Prince Drago had a lot of questions regarding music in his mind. So he went to visit his grandfather, the Mango tree. He put forward the

questions in front of his grandfather. His grandfather got confused and asked him to go to Earth, the home of humans, to find the answer. Before they left, Drago's grandfather gave him a magic drink which his leaves had made.

This drink would help them understand the language of humans. **Drago and Tango drank the magic potion immediately and happily headed towards Earth.**

Drago was very excited as he would get an answer to many of his questions relating to his favourite passion, music.

It was thus declared that Mango will be the King.

**After many day of travel, they finally reached a place on Earth called India.** It was a very tiring journey and soon after they reached they thought of taking some rest under a tree.

The moment they sat underneath the tree, both of them felt asleep. When they woke up they found themselves in a small bowl. They heard people mumbling around them and they were discussing what to do with them.

They thought something fishy was going on and started running to save their lives. **The humans were surprised to see both the fruits running and so they started chasing them.**



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Meanwhile a monkey also saw them and started chasing them. **While running, Drago and Tango came across a Tiger's den.** They thought to hide themselves in the den.

The humans got scared as soon as they saw the tiger and ran away and the monkey was hunted by the Tiger. **Drago and Tango went unnoticed by the tiger as they were very small in size.**

Somehow, they managed to save their lives but they could not go back to their kingdom as they could not locate their spaceship. So they got stuck in India. **Thereafter they spawned into an entire forest full of mango trees.**

King Mago was worried to not see his Prince return back. **So he sent other varieties of Mangoes to India in search of Drago.** This way many varieties of mangoes reached India and all of them spawned into forest.

When the humans saw the mangoes hanging from the trees, they tried to pluck them and came to know that it was an edible fruit which was very juicy and yummy. **The humans would break the mangoes from the trees and eat them with delight.**

**Everyone liked the fruit very much and they ruled their hearts. Thus it became the king of fruits in India.**



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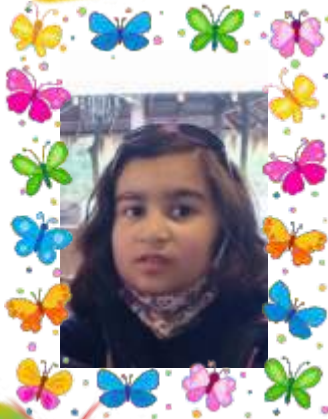
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### Amazing Facts about Mango

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1. Mangoes first appeared in **India** over **5,000 years** ago.
2. The mango is the **national fruit** of **India, Pakistan and the Philippines**.
3. Their trees can grow as tall as **100 feet** with a **canopy of over 35 feet**.
4. The **flowers** of a mango tree are **small and white with five petals**, and the fruit takes between three and six months to ripen.
5. The **largest mango** in the world **weighs 4.25 kg** and is grown in San Martin farm in Boá, Colombia.

### Amazing Facts about Mango

by Priyadarshini Chetry, Grade 3, SNS Noida



Mango Trees with Mangoes sweet,  
Grow high along our street.  
I can't reach them at all  
For I am small,  
And mango trees are tall.  
Little birdie brown,  
Would you look around  
And throw some mangoes down?



### Mango Facts

by Vasundhara thapar, Grade 5, SNS Noida



Mangoes! The delicious fruit that announces and celebrates summer. **The botanical name of Mango is *Mangifera indica*.** The deliciousness and importance of this fruit can be understood by the fact that the Global Happiness Index has a place for countries that cultivate Mango. There is a lot of history to how Mango became the scrumptious delicacy we enjoy today and in this essay we will try to capture that.

Mangoes originated in India over 4000 years ago in Assam and made their way to Myanmar and rest of the world. **In fact, the English name Mango originates from the Tamil word "mangai".**

Bhagavata Purana and Buddhist literature carry references to the fruit. **Mango leaves are considered sacred, and are invariably used on all auspicious occasions in India.** Mangoes grow pretty well in Africa and more than 90 African countries grow the fruit.

A mango can grow in both tropical and sub-tropical nations. **Mangoes require at least 50% humidity in the air for good growth, they prefer temps above 10 degree celsius.**



There are several types of mangoes most of which have been cultivated by man through selective breeding. **For example, if one particular variety of mango has a very juicy flesh and another has a great fragrance their branches are grafted to grow a new type which has a juicy flesh with good fragrance.** Such curated varieties are called Cultivars.



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My personal favorite is the **Raspuri grown in Old Mysuru, Karnatak**. It is very tasty and is put in our smoothies, yogurts and milkshakes This mango variety arrives in May and stays till June end.



Other than these there are many more popular varieties like the Dasheri of Maliabad UP, Safeda or Beganphalli of Andhra Pradesh, Langra of Varanasi and many more.

Indeed, our National Fruit has a rich and complicated history.



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Juicy, Soft and Delicious,  
I taste amazing and I'm nutritious!

People call me king of fruits  
I have a great reputation!

I come as a treat every summer,  
Holding a special place in the garden corner.

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Hanging from the trees waiting to be plucked,  
People keep me in safe places, sometimes even  
locked!

Use me when I am raw or when I go ripe  
You are free to select and type!

Enjoy my pulp or have my juice,  
I can be your wonderful muse

I slip from your hands and leave a stain  
Oh! How you wish it never happens again!

Green, Orange, Red or Yellow  
I am your favourite MANGO!



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Oh Dear! Mango,  
I can eat you in blink of an eye.  
Mango my sweet, pulpy,  
yelllowyy Yummylicious fruit,  
My amour for you is very precious,  
I want to save you till the eternity.  
You are juicy, delectable and meaty

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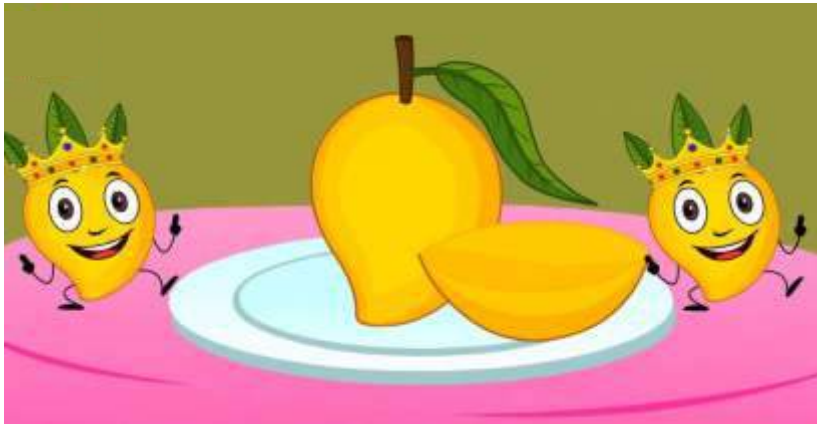
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and you ooze with the goodness of Natures best.  
Oh Summer! You give us lot of pain, scorchy heat and  
hot winds,  
But I still love you the most, as you give me the King of  
Fruit  
Melons and Plums, berries and Strawberries,  
They cannot entice me, as mango has taken all my  
heart.  
Full of vitamins and minerals, mangoes are a positive  
good in the world,  
I can go on and on coz Mango is not a fruit, it's poetry.



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### Happy Mango Day

by Maanam Chandra, Grade 3, SNS Noida



Make me feel hungry  
Peel of their soft and colorful skin  
Yellow, orange and green  
Cut the yellow slimy fruit  
Sweet and tasty in my tummy  
Yummy!



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by Yashna Sehgal, Grade 3, SNS Noida



Mangos are sweet, sour and delicious,  
Kids eat them but don't know that they are nutritious.

Some are green, some are yellow,  
They can be as sweet as a yummy marshmallow.

Totapuri, Dusheri, Alphonso,  
are all varieties of mango.

 Miyazaki-Oh man! it comes from Japan,  
Cost's a 100 grand.

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Mango jam, squash, ice cream,  
It all go's in one nice theme.

Mango pickle makes your tongue tickle,  
Loaded with fiber and Vitamin C,

Boosts your immunity,  
Making it the fruity KING almighty.



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### Mangoes down my street

by Arjun Chawla, Grade 3, SNS Noida



A mango tree with mangoes sweet, down my street.

I cannot reach them at all because I'm very small and the tree is pretty tall.

Hey little birdie just look around and throw some mangoes down for I love mangoes raw, ripe and sweet..

Please get me some from my backstreet..

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### Travelling in Lockdown

by Shaz Fahir, Grade 5, SNS Noida



It was the end of grade 3 and I was excited about the class party and new teacher before my summer break started. But everything came to a halt! **As the Covid-19 cases increased in Noida, our school shut down.**

Yes, it shut down just like that without any further information. I was glad at first that my summer break came early but little did I know why everything suddenly

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closed. My family decided to visit my grandparents' house in Moradabad for a short break. When we reached after 3 hours of driving, the next morning the government announced the very first lockdown.

**LOCKDOWN?! Now what? The four of us, my dad, my mom, my little sister and myself were stuck in Moradabad, for God only knows until when.**

We didn't have clothes for more than four days, no books, and no school supplies. We were stuck there for so long that the weather changed and birthdays came and went.

Amidst the lockdown, I got my report card for grade 3, got introduced to my grade 4 teacher, and for the first time started my online classes. At first, I was really annoyed with the lockdown but then I realized that it's all good because I had my cousins to play with and my grandparents to pamper me.

The six of us would play and do other stuff like baking, cooking, watching movies and sleeping in together. It was too much fun. I didn't miss my things in Noida anymore.

Reality struck! We started our online classes, but we all wanted to go back to school and see our friends. It took a little time to get used to the new class room but we still did it. Still doing it! I learned how to manage with the situation thrown at me. I had learned how to



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bake, and I also helped my family in house chores sometimes too.

After 5 months we got a chance to go back to Noida. But now I didn't want to go back home. **When we reached Noida, the house was a mess, so my parents cleaned it and set up our online classroom.**

I missed everyone in Moradabad. So much for a summer break! Lockdown, masks, online classes had become the new normal. It's amazing how fast we adapt to changes. The lockdown continued with some relaxations as the covid-19 situation sometimes was under control and sometimes not.

**All in all, I hope Covid-19 ends soon and we can come back to our actual normal. I really want to go to school and see my teachers.**

Now I'm in 5th grade and things haven't changed much. It has been more than two years since my mom saw her parents and my grandparents. I was waiting for the summer break for two years to see my grandparents in America.

I had asked my mom to plan a vacation there, but she was skeptical of travelling. **India finally got vaccines. And when it was time my parents got vaccinated.** I asked my parents repeatedly for a visit to my grandparents'. Was it possible? I guess it was because I'm here.



The whole trip, 14 hours of flight and 3 hours of pre boarding and post boarding the plane was a nightmare. We had to get tested for covid-19, even my 5 year old sister. Then my mom had to fill so many forms, she had to keep sanitizing our hands and our seats.

I knew she was stressed out because of all the extra precautions she had to take. The flight was not so great either but we reached our destination grinning from ear to ear. My mom was so happy to see her parents and her brother.

I'm happy too. I love it here except for the online classes. I'm loving every bit of my stay here. I will get used to the online classes here. The time difference is not a joke, and it is very difficult to be awake till 3:30 am. My mom has come up with a new sleep schedule for us so that we can attend classes without falling asleep. So it's all working out just fine.

In the U.S. the situation with Covid-19 is better than what it is in India. I go out with my mom with all precautions in mind and a mask on my face.

I really wish by the time I'm back in India, Covid-19 is gone and maybe we can go to school to the 5th grade, whatever is left of it. I have learned to be thankful for my family.

It's not the things that matter, I have learned to adapt



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and accept situations whether I like them or not and make the most of them all.

It's easier said, but we have all done it. *My sincere thanks to my parents and all my teachers, I know it was equally difficult for them as well but they never let me feel any of it.*



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