

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



What have you done recently that you thought you couldn't do?

JENNY: I chose to make my body into an orange bowl that was friends with the fridge. I did it to do a character development for a radio-playmaking class. I got on the floor on my stomach and put my legs and arms up and arched my back. It made me feel achy.

LEIGH: I made a table-top out of stained glass. I went off my diet. I saw every movie in town and took a mental break from all forms of responsibility.

MIKU: I've never been on a trip without my parents. Next week I'm going to Catalina Island with my oceanography club.

MYLIKA: Getting adjusted to California life is something I've not been able to do until recently. I'm finally learning to appreciate it.

JARRYD: Do most of my homework ahead of schedule. Do more art in school, as well as out of school.

NOELIA: Run a whole mile.

ALI: I made a huge pan of amazing cookies and I had only half of one all day. I usually eat them all day long.

GABE: Get an A on my vocab quiz.

KAITLYN: I learned how to knit and count to 600. It took me a long time.

ANYA: I learned how to waterski. I spent a lot of time in the water, and not much on the skis.

GYASI: I went to Yosemite with my school for a science magnet field trip.

PEGGY: Recently I walked in a marathon in Hawaii.

SARINA: I cut bangs...actually - my friend cut them. I told her to. It was really funny how they looked.

ALEXIS: I have recently been able to talk out and express my feelings. But part of the time it does get me in some trouble. I talked back to another kid, to let her know how I felt. It got me into trouble I didn't want to be in.

EMILY: I tried to learn how to knit left-handed, since I'm a lefty, but I couldn't do it. I learned how to do it right-handed. The only thing I can make is scarves. Lots of scarves.

MELISSA: I have recently been able to announce my plans to launch a campaign for school treasurer. My platform consists of abolishing all school debts and a prosperous future for all the students of Grant Elementary.

ALISA: Now I can draw. My mom said I can be a teacher and teach kids how to draw and learn.



What do you want to be different in the coming year?

ALI: I want for there to be no war, to have the fine glow of peace over the world. I want my neighborhood to have re-paved streets and cared-for houses. The look of peace, in mind and body throughout the world. And I want to grow 3 inches.

NOELIA: For the people and homes to recover from the Tsunami, and for tenth grade to be better than ninth grade.

GYASI: I would like to change how my school looks, because it has looked the same for a long time, like new desks, new basketball (actual courts with actual nets) better grass, and new text books that are more up to date.

ERIC: A peaceful resolution to the war in Iraq. How about that for a big wish. Is it asking too much?

JESS: I would like to turn on the news and not be depressed by bad decisions made by our world's leaders. I'd like to have a snazzy haircut that looks good all the time.

ANGELA: I would like not be shy when I am in my classroom.

ALEXIS: I need to make my writing better by using a thesaurus and asking the teacher for help. I would like to move into a better neighborhood because there are a lot of gun shots and police patrolling. I would like a peaceful neighborhood. I would like for our troops to come home.

RICARDO AND EMILY: We would like to change downtown Los Angeles. Because it is dirty and there are lots of poor people. People should organize an official clean-up for the city. If it were cleaner, it would be a nicer place to visit. Also, we would like to see more people make donations to the Tsunami victims, and also give money to Africa. It would be nice to see people share their fortunes with others, by helping the poor if they can.

SARINA AND PEGGY: Together, we both agree that our global community should change, like the wars, and the Tsunami sites in Sri Lanka and other places. To help with this we should send them our love and support and make sure our government is not cheap and gives them the money they deserve.

