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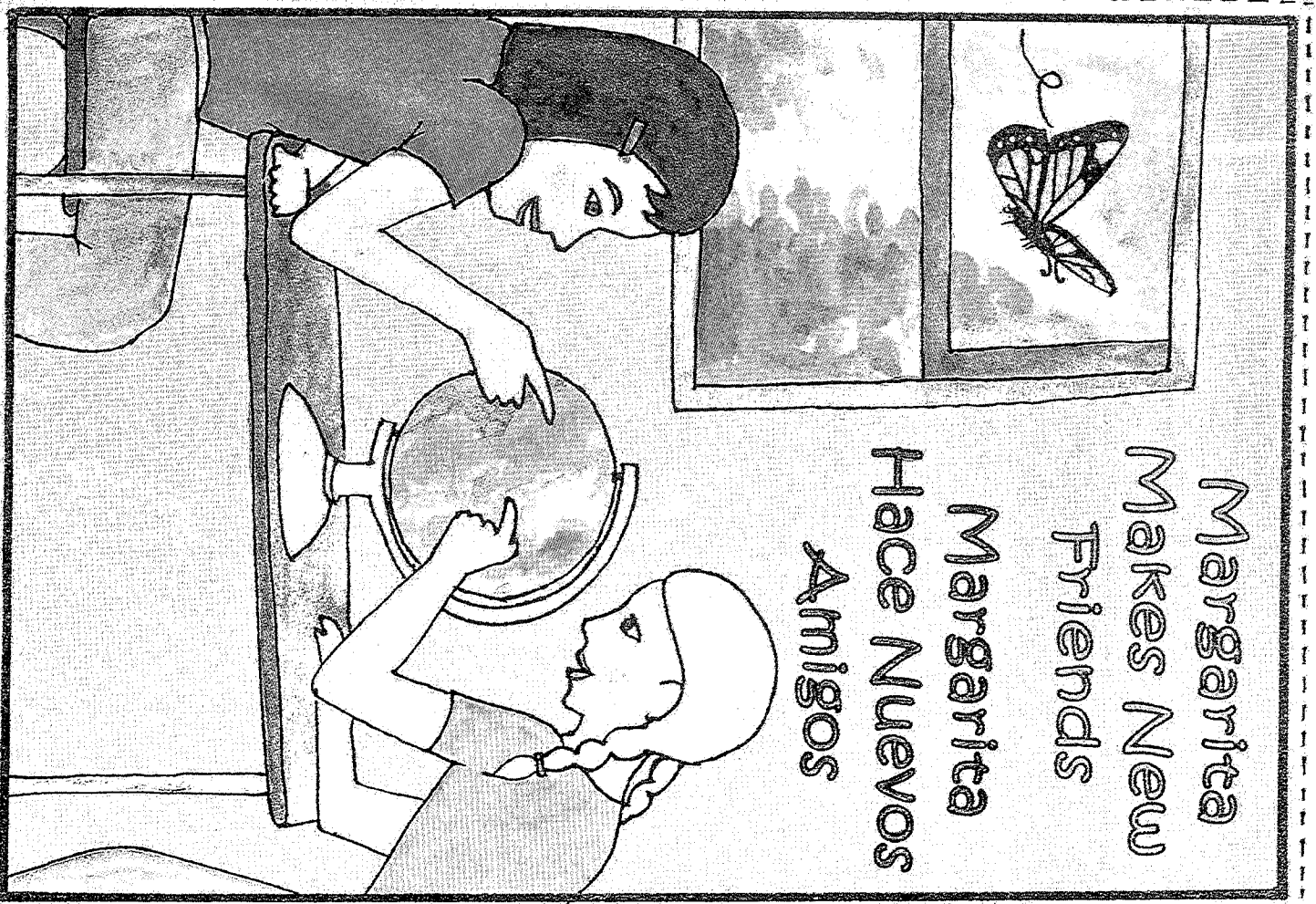
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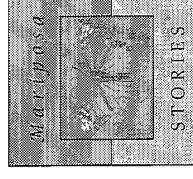
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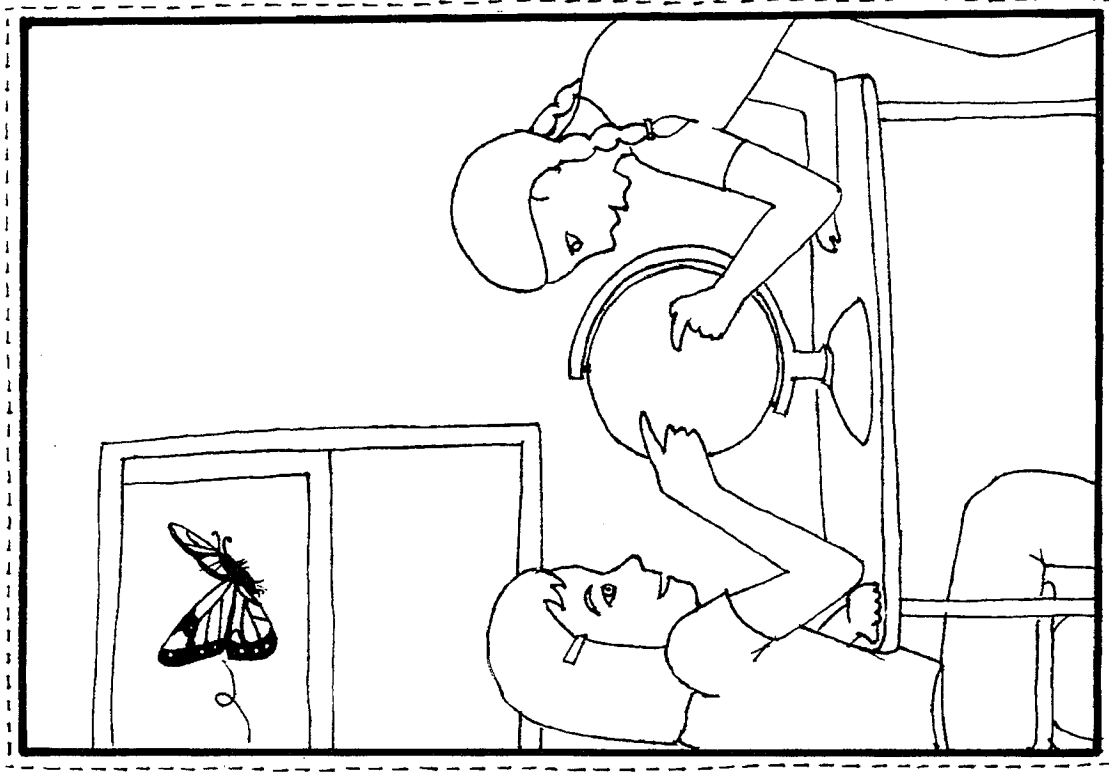
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I didn't know what to expect on my first day of school in Durham. In our first science class we learned about Monarch butterflies. We found out that they migrate from the United States to Mexico when the seasons change. I'm from Mexico, but now I live in the United States. These butterflies look very different from other butterflies, just like the kids in my new school looked different to me.

No sabía qué esperar de mi primer día de escuela en Durham. En la primera clase de ciencias aprendimos sobre las mariposas monarcas. Supimos que migran de los Estados Unidos hasta México cuando cambian las estaciones. Soy de México, pero ahora vivo en los Estados Unidos. Estas mariposas son diferentes de otras mariposas, igual que mis nuevos compañeros de clase me parecieron distintos.



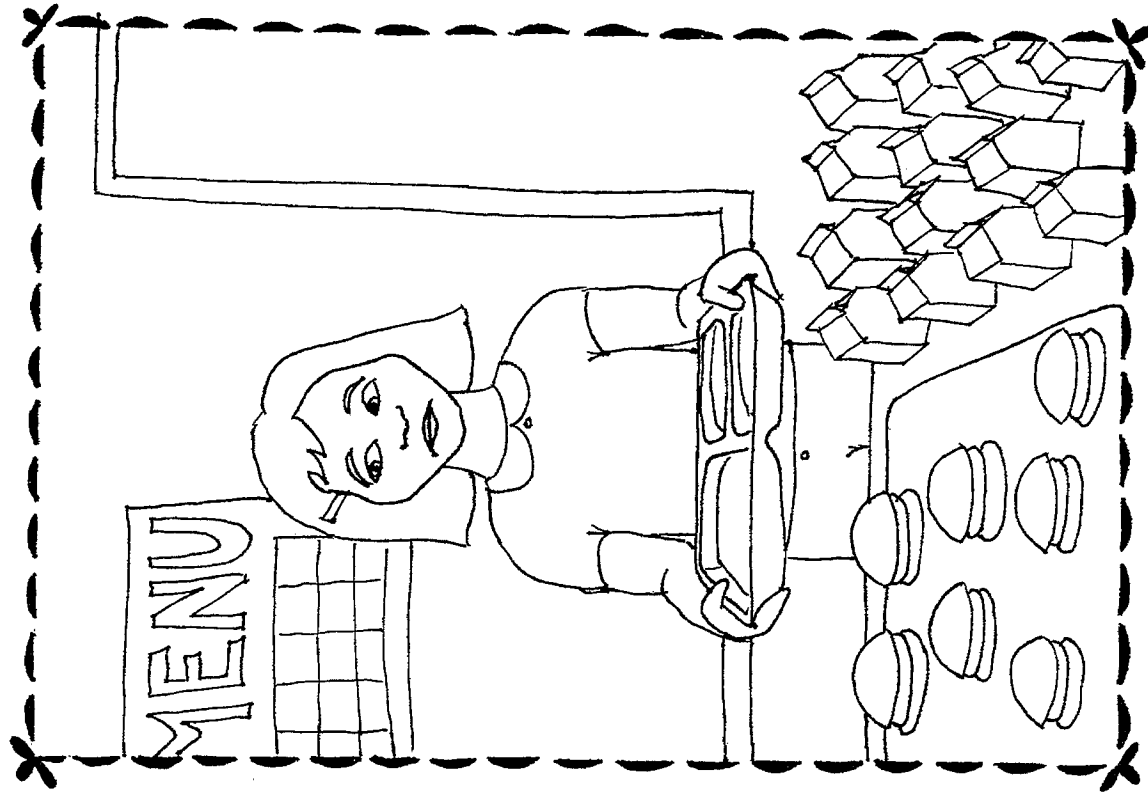
Here everyone can wear lots of types of clothes to school, but in Mexico that was different. At my school in Mexico, we all had to wear uniforms, but the biggest difference was that everyone spoke Spanish. When I left my old school, I was sad because I had to say goodbye to all of my friends. I wondered if I would make new friends in the United States.

Acá todo el mundo puede llevar varios tipos de ropa en la escuela, pero no era así en México. En mi escuela en México teníamos que llevar uniformes, pero la diferencia más grande fue que todos hablaban en español. Cuando me mudé, me puso triste tener que despedirme de mis amigos. Me preguntaba si haría amigos en los Estados Unidos.

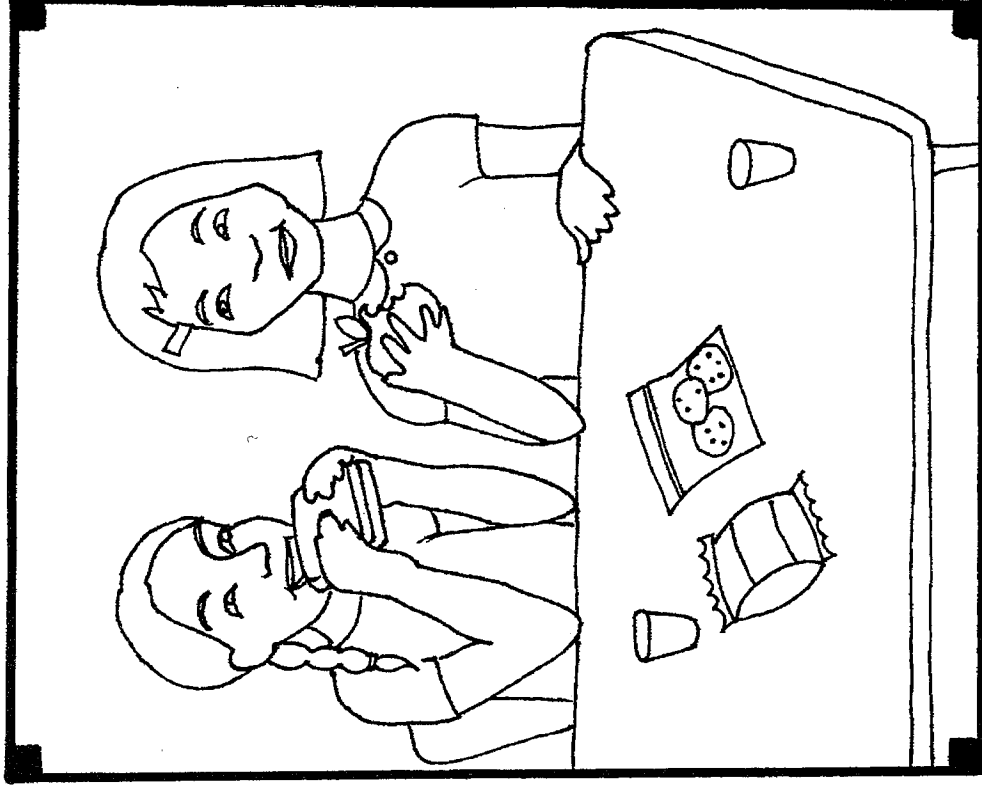


In the cafeteria on the first day, I didn't know where to sit because all the other kids were sitting with their friends. When I got in the cafeteria line all of the food looked weird and worst of all I hadn't realized that I was supposed to bring money to buy my lunch. I began to cry.

En la cafetería el primer día no sabía dónde sentarme porque los otros niños se sentaban con sus amigos. Cuando entré en la fila de la cafetería, toda la comida me pareció rara y lo peor fue que no me había dado cuenta que necesitaba dinero para comprar mi almuerzo. Me puse a llorar.



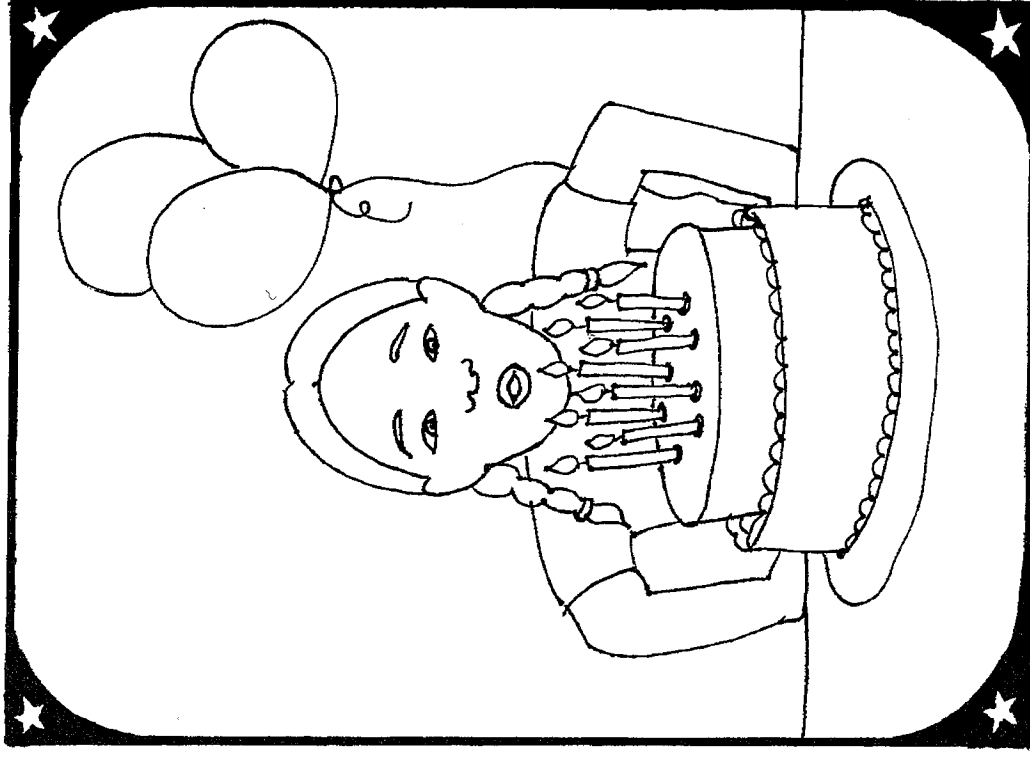
That's when a girl named Emily came to help me. She asked if I wanted to share her lunch because she knew all of this was new to me. She became my first new friend in Durham. She even invited me to her birthday party that weekend.



Así fue como una niña que se llamaba Emily me ayudó. Me preguntó si quería compartir su almuerzo porque ella sabía que todo esto era nuevo para mí. Hice mi primera amiga en Durham. Aún me invitó a su fiesta de cumpleaños ese fin de semana.

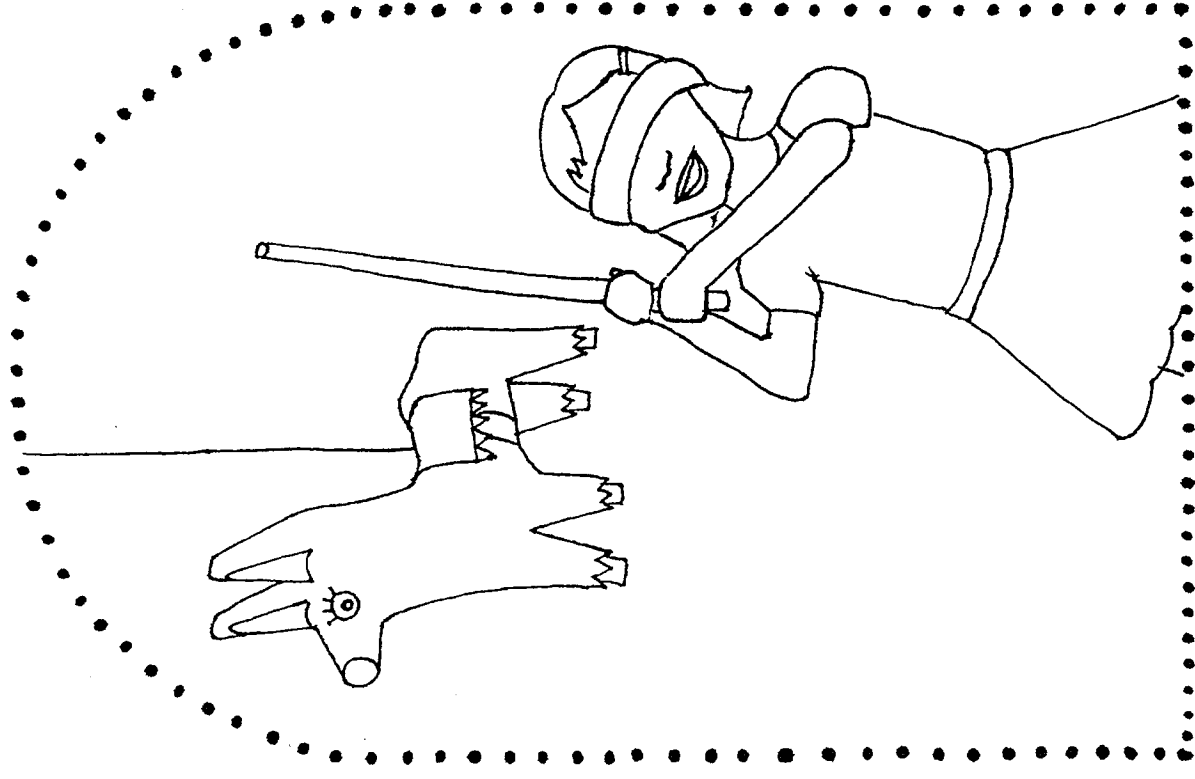
I knew which house was Emily's because there were balloons on the mailbox. It was fun to meet her friends. We all played games and there was a big cake with candles. The "Happy Birthday" song we sang was different from the one I knew.

Reconocí la casa de Emily porque había globos en el buzón. Fue muy divertido conocer a sus amigos. Había juegos y un pastel grande con velas. La canción de "Feliz cumpleaños" que cantamos era diferente de la que conocía.



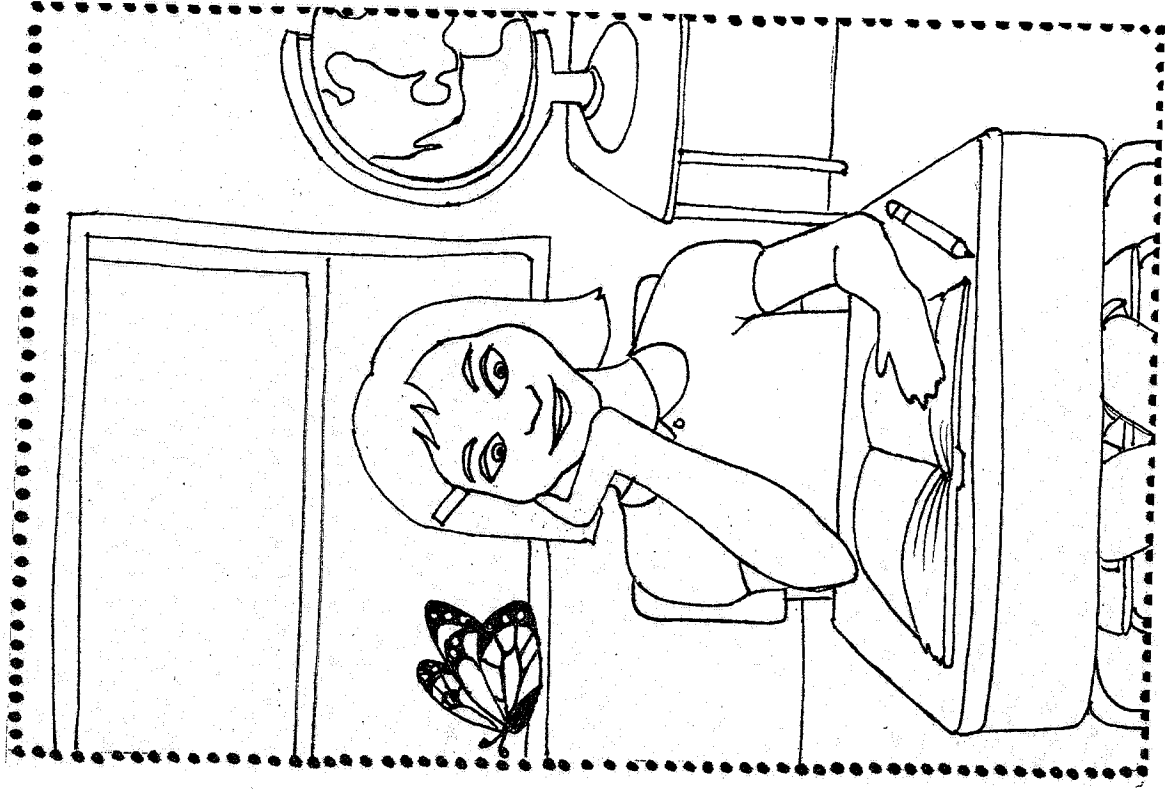
Emily's party made me remember my last birthday in Mexico. My friends and family threw me a surprise party and everyone dressed up. We had a piñata, which has always been my favorite party game. It's hard to hit the piñata with a blindfold on—but I was the one who finally broke it! Emily didn't have a piñata, but at the end of the party all the guests got a party favor. It was lots of fun.

La fiesta de Emily me hizo recordar mi última fiesta de cumpleaños en México. Mis amigos y mi familia me sorprendieron con una fiesta y toda la gente llevaba ropa elegante. Tuvimos una piñata, mi juego favorito. Es difícil golpear la piñata llevando el pañuelo sobre los ojos pero, ¡fui yo quien la rompió al final! En la fiesta de Emily no había una piñata, pero al final de la fiesta, todos los invitados recibimos regalitos. Nos divertimos mucho.



Things are definitely different in the United States and Mexico but both places are very special to me. I am a lot like the Monarch butterfly. I get to live in both places!

Las cosas son definitivamente diferentes en los Estados Unidos y México pero ambos lugares son muy especiales para mí. Soy como la mariposa monarca. ¡He vivido en los dos lugares!



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