

## My Year At Don Callejon

Hi! My name is Emily Cameron, and I'm in sixth grade. My favorite part of school this year was getting to meet new people and make new friends. Because kids from other areas can come to Don Callejon in sixth grade, I met lots of new friends. I also built a stronger bond with other kids that I had known in the previous years, but hadn't really spent a lot of time with. My friends supported me throughout the school year and helped me socially and academically. They were a huge part of my sixth grade experience.

Another part of sixth grade that I really enjoyed was being on the volleyball team. Ms. Martin was a brilliant coach and she was very encouraging. She helped me improve my serving techniques and taught the entire team about having good sportsmanship. She trained us really hard, but in the end it paid off when we went to the playoffs. The best part about volleyball was when the entire middle school volleyball team went on a field trip to see the Stanford Cardinals play against the Oregon Ducks.

My plans for the summer are going to Malaysia and Australia. Since my mother's parents live in Malaysia, my family will be going there to visit my grandparents, my cousins, and my aunts and uncles. In Malaysia, we'll be going snorkeling, which I am very excited about. I went snorkeling in Malaysia last summer as well, and it enthralled me to see the glistening, multicolored fish darting through the water, as well as the prickly sea cucumbers, sting rays, and all kinds of fascinating underwater plants. I hope that this snorkeling trip will be just as exciting.

In Australia, we will be visiting my dad's side of the family: my grandparents, cousins, and other relatives. Like Malaysia, we will be going snorkeling, but I am especially excited for Australia because we will be snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef. I have never been to the Great Barrier Reef before, and I am really excited to see what beautiful marine life lies in the sea.

Overall I have really enjoyed this school year and look forward to the next one!