

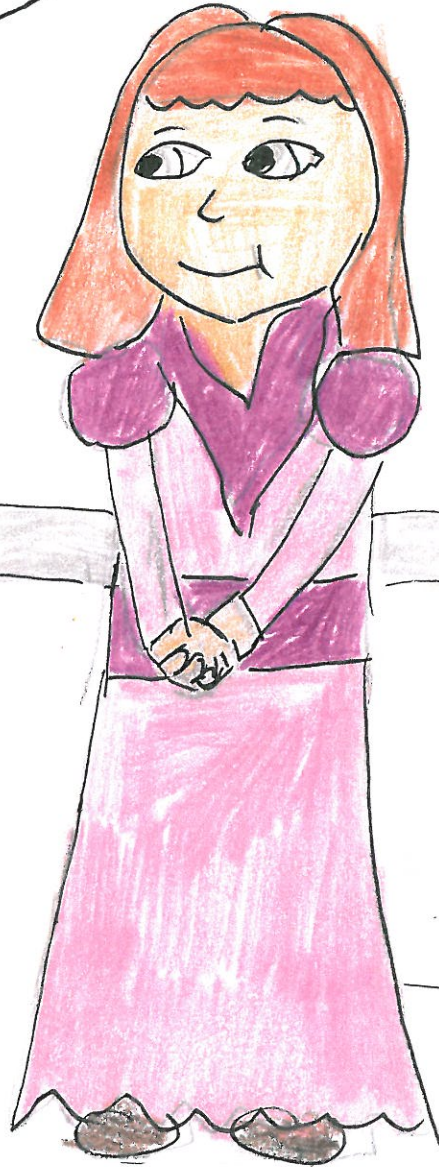
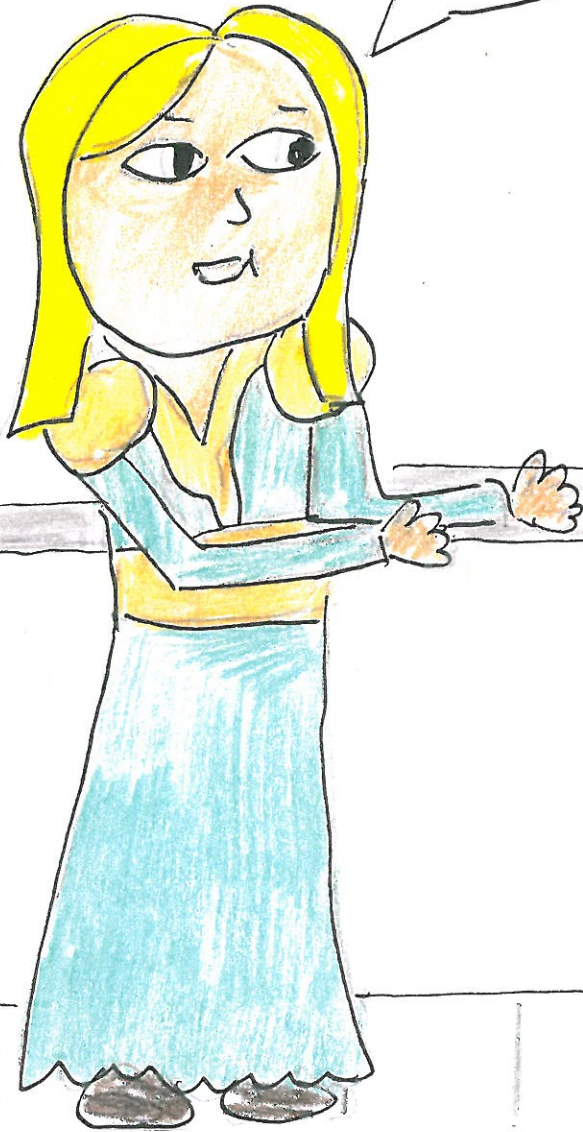
Get into Groups



On the first day at Harborside, she met many new people and even some of her old friends from the Somers Elementary Education Center. But she was still shy and quiet. The design principles that Harborside had adopted covered what a student should be, but Carlene didn't succeed at all of them. She was great at competition and collaboration along with empathy and caring because she was a perfectionist student who felt grades were very important and a nurturer at heart, but she wasn't too good at diversity and inclusion because she liked to be with the people she was confident with, not others that she didn't often talk to.

Math Test
Tuesday
SOH CAH TOA

What do you
do if you have
the measure of the
hypotenuse but nothing
else except angles?



At the end of her first year, Carlene had worked hard to become more social, and for the first time liked talking to people that weren't in her usual group of friends. Her strength of being empathetic made her someone that would be kind to everybody, and she was seen as the person to go to if you had a problem, because she would listen.



One of her favorite classes that year was Crew. She had fun with nobleman Gottfredsen, building parachutes for eggs and eating bugs. She realized that her fellow crewmates had problems much like her own, which gave her confidence to talk to them more. By the summer, she felt like her crew was a family at school where she didn't have to worry about being accepted.

All
Projects
Must Be Turned in
By Monday

Put
Chapter
Review
Packets
On my desk



On the first day of her second year, she was much more confident seeing the familiar faces. She tried to talk to everyone in her new crew at least once, and she did. She had fun with them, caroling at Christmas and putting on their own activities. They also became a family to her.



When it came time to volunteer, she decided to go to the Wheaton Franciscan Hospital and volunteer there. She was nervous and shy about walking into a room and having to interact with people that she had never met before. She chose to work at the day care center there, and she did her best to be talkative with the kids. The more time she spent with them, the more she realized that being nervous about meeting people was pointless. She learned that it was easier to be excited about meeting new faces, and have a good time talking to them.



As a person, Carlene found that she could be really social after all. She joined the Sudd club and Character Quest, where she learned all about being a successful leader, and talked to many of the upperclassmen. She can still be quiet to this day, but everyday she works to step out of her comfort zone and talk to new people. She works on being outgoing, and being a leader as well. From her first day at Harborside to now, she has really come out of her shell and goes with the flow. She still doesn't like not knowing what to expect, and has to learn to let people other than herself take control, instead of wanting to plan everything herself.

Scholastic Art + Writing Awards

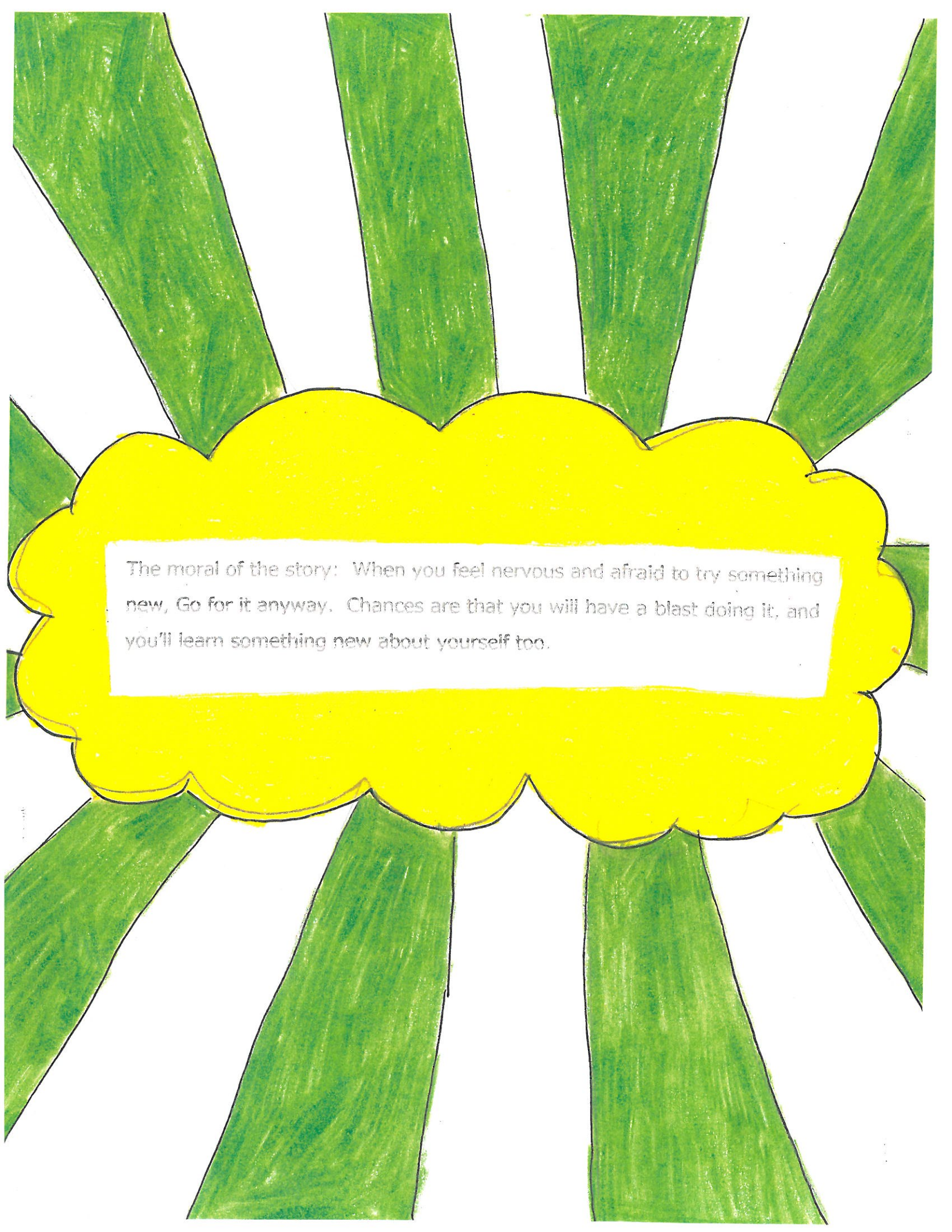


Even though Carlene was only at Harborside for two years up to that point, she had already learned a lot about herself. She learned that she could create really great quality projects, better than what she expected of herself. She learned that she was a great writer. She won two silver keys and an honorable mention in the Scholastic Writing Awards, and won the poetry contest her first year. She realized that she was excellent at Geometry, but only good at Algebra, she enjoyed English and Chemistry, and was able to remain in the top 10% of the class rank.

Junior Hallway



When she goes on to her third and fourth years at Harborside, she plans to continue taking all of her courses for honors credit, and take AP government. She wants to take the ACT and get at least a 24 in it. She plans to take AP calculus in her fourth year. Since her test scores were the highest in writing and English, she will apply to Ball State University and major in comparative literature and early childhood education. She doesn't know exactly what she wants to be, but it will be working with kids, whatever it is. What Harborside taught her is to have more confidence in herself, because if she puts her mind to it, there is nothing out of her reach.



The moral of the story: When you feel nervous and afraid to try something new, Go for it anyway. Chances are that you will have a blast doing it, and you'll learn something new about yourself too.