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Dear Pen Pal,

How are you today?

My name is Amanda, and I am an 8th grader at Moody Middle School.

I enjoy reading, how about you? I recently read a really cool book. It is a graphic novel called Ruth Asawa: An Artist Takes Shape by Sam Nakahira. It is about the life of artist Ruth Asawa. Have you heard of her? She made these amazing wire sculptures. Her life had a rough beginning. Her family was forced to move into a Japanese Internment Camp, and ended up having to move twice. The conditions were terrible in the camps. Ruth didn't let these conditions get her down. She always had artistic talents, and in the camp she met some Disney illustrators who were also interned. There she learned you could be an artist as your job! She went to school to be a teacher, but ended up studying art in North Carolina. She never sought out

to be a big famous artist, she just wanted to make work that was special to her. She end up having a large family, and her children remember helping her make art in their home in San Francisco. It was cool this book was a graphic novel, you could really get a feel for her life. The book also included real life pictures, which was neat. I really liked this book because it showed how strong Ruth was, and how much she loved her family. I also like to make art. I like to take pictures. How about you? Do you like art?

Have you read any good books lately? Let me know!

Talk to you soon!

Sincerely,

Amanda :