# Chippy's Mountain

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Can a student be a teacher? Can a teacher be a student?

Yes and Yes!

Chippy invited Ms. Palladino to share her experience of getting her 2nd master o o degree!

Let's go with Chippy and find out how Ms. Palladino raised her bar in teaching excellence with the full support from CHA!



Hello Ms. Palladino! Thanks for joining me!

Hello! Chippy!
You are very welcome!



Can you please tell me what is Master's degree in literacy?

A Master's degree is a specialized degree that someone can get after they have completed their Bachelor's degree. It's a college degree- so it happens after high school.



What is the biggest challenge of getting the Master's degree in literacy?

For me, the biggest challenge was time management. Being a full-time teacher and mom is a lot of work. Finding time to study and complete schoolwork on top of that was tricky. I am lucky that I have great colleagues and an awesome family that supported me through this degree.



What are you most proud of getting the degree?

confidence I have now in reading and understanding literacy research. This degree has made me a better teacher and I am forever thankful for the opportunity.

Thank you CHA for investing in teachers!



Was it more tiring teaching than studying?

They are both tiring.
Teaching takes a lot of energy and study takes a lot of focus.



What's your feeling about getting the degree and why?

My undergraduate work in literacy did not seem substantial enough to fully support emergent readers, especially those who might struggle with reading. I wanted evidence-based approaches to instruction that I could feel confident using with my students.



What made you decide to study for a master's degree?

This is my second Master's degree. My first one was in inquiry based science education. However, I realized that there was so much I didn't fully understand about literacy- especially with young readers. So I decided to go back to school to learn more!



How do you think the master's degree can help with your career as a teacher in CHA?



Yes, it already has. The things I learned in my program I can use immediately in the classroom.



How could you
manage your time on
top of going to work
and school?

support system! My teaching colleagues and my family were very supportive and helped me. I also tried hard to use habits 1-3 to ensure I could get it all done. I made a plan each week with what I needed to get done and by what time so that I could stay organized.



What changes and challenges did you have to deal with that made your schedule different from the other staff at CHA?



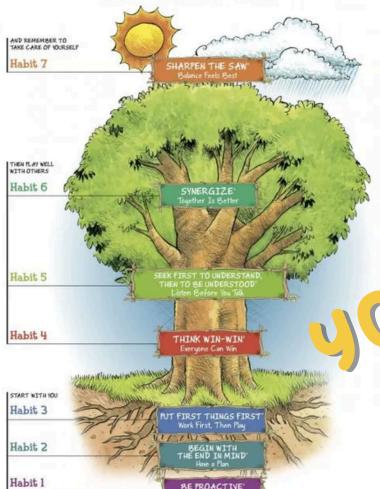
There are times of the year when teaching is extra stressful. For example, when I was writing report cards or needed to put energy into planning special events, my time was stretched super thin. At those times it felt really challenging to get things done in a timely manner.



What is a good strategy
you would tell somebody
wants to know how to do
many things in a limited
amount of time?

Use the 7 habits and remember that you can do hard things!

#### The 7 Habits Tree





Today is Easter. We wait for the Easter eggs. At 12 o'clock, we find the Easter eggs. Some are in the trees. Some are in the bushes. Some are under the big trees. Some are in the flower pots. We found a big egg. We also found six small eggs. Inside the BIG egg was Slime. Inside the small eggs were chocolates.



### What I learned about Earth Day

### Lori Wang 2nd grade

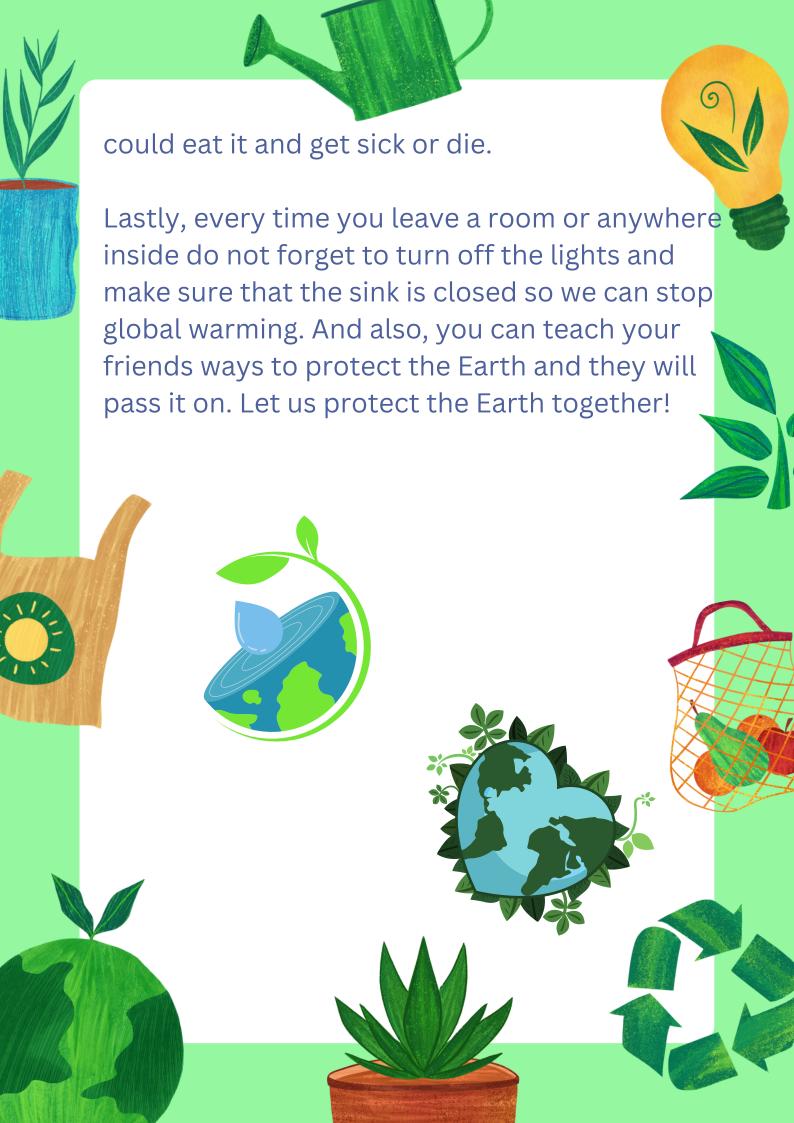
Earth day is celebrated as a day to learn about the earth and ways to protect it. We need to protect the Earth because if we do not animals can die because they ate trash, or we will get sick because there are to many factories polluting the air. Sometimes we don't notice but if we learn more about the Earth and what we did wrong so we can fix it and protect the Earth. Now let me tell you some ways to protect the Earth!

First, you can throw trash into the right bins; paper goes in the recycle bin and banana peels can go in the compost, a wrapper goes in the trash bin. You should not pollute.

Next, you can plant more trees because people are cutting down trees to make room for new houses. They are also taking away more land so animals can lose their habitats.

You can also pick up trash even if it is not yours. If there is a plastic bag in the ocean a sea animal





# The Adventures of Ninja Rabbit and Jungle Guinea Pig

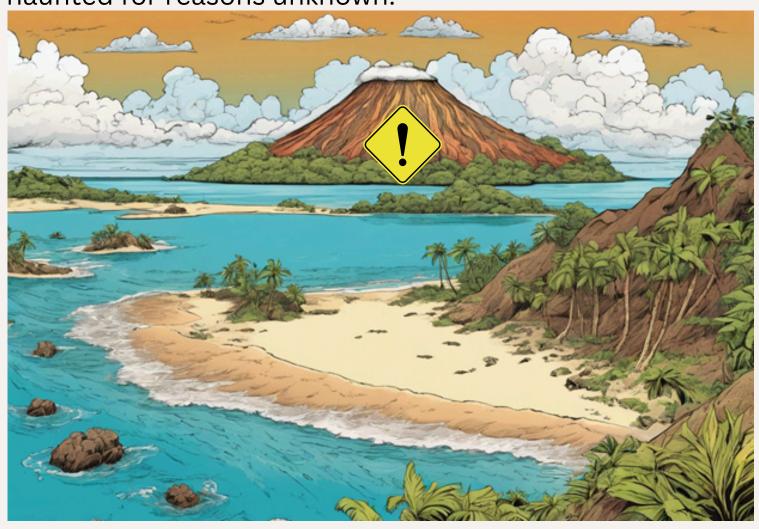
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On a sunny August day, Ninja Rabbit and Jungle Guinea Pig were enjoying a relaxing time at the beach. But suddenly, a massive wave crashed over them, carrying them to an unknown island. Although the island seemed ordinary at first glance, an unusual quietness filled the air, making it feel oddly unsettling. "This island is strange," remainingle Guinea Pig. Ninja Rabbit nodded in agreement and asked, "Should we explore further into the forest?



Pic 1. Ninja Rabbit and Jungle Guinea Pig came to an unknow island.

But just as they were about to step into the forest, the ground beneath them began to tremble violently. The island shook so fiercely that Ninja Rabbit and Jungle Guinea Pig struggled to maintain their balance, nearly tumbling off its shifting surface. Then, as abruptly as it had begun, the shaking ceased. Bewildered, Jungle Guinea Pig asked, "What just happened?" Ninja Rabbit opened his mouth to respond when a booming voice suddenly resonated from nowhere. "Hello there! What are your names?" it inquired. "I'm Ninja Rabbit," replied Ninja Rabbit, echoing Jungle Guinea Pig's introduction. "You are our first visitors in 500 years. Welcome!" The voice's tone then turned somber. "Unfortunately, this island has been haunted for reasons unknown."



Pic 2 A big island in volcano.

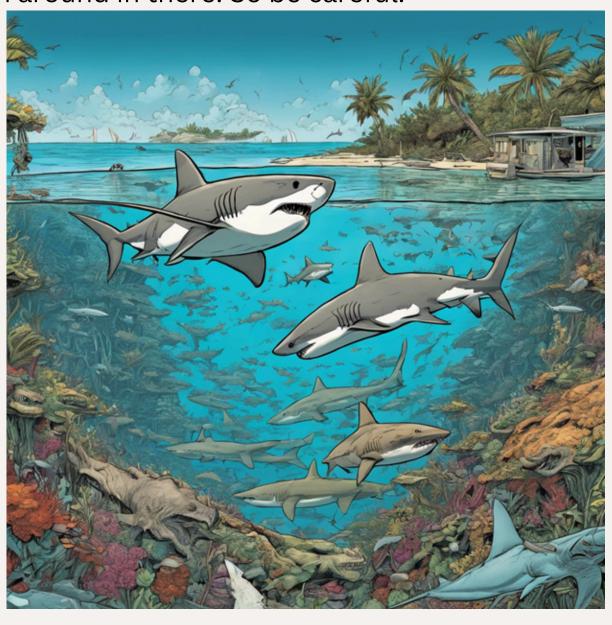
"Okay," said Ninja Rabbit, "What is next?" The voice continued, "Next, you have to pass the Misty Lagoon." "But how will you get across it?" asked Jungle Guinea Pig. "We cannot swim that long."



Pic 3 The Forest of Secrets.



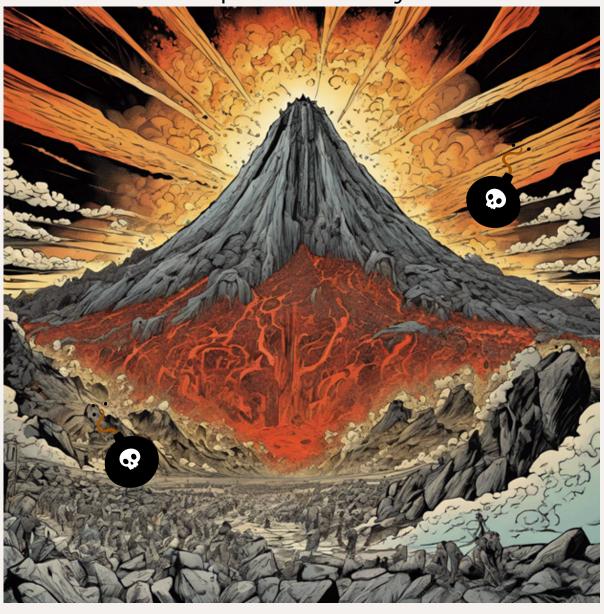
"Wait," said Ninja Rabbit, "you didn't even tell us how long it is." "Oh, I can tell you," said the voice, "It is 9364 miles long." "What?" said Jungle Guinea Pig. "We can swim across that." "Yeah," said Ninja Rabbit. "I thought you were going to say 1... like trillion." "Wait," said the voice, "you haven't heard the third part. And just before I say it, you can't safely swim across it." "Why?" asked Ninja Rabbit and Jungle Guinea Pig at the same time. "Because its name gives the answer. The lagoon is misty, and lots of sharks roam around in there. So be careful."



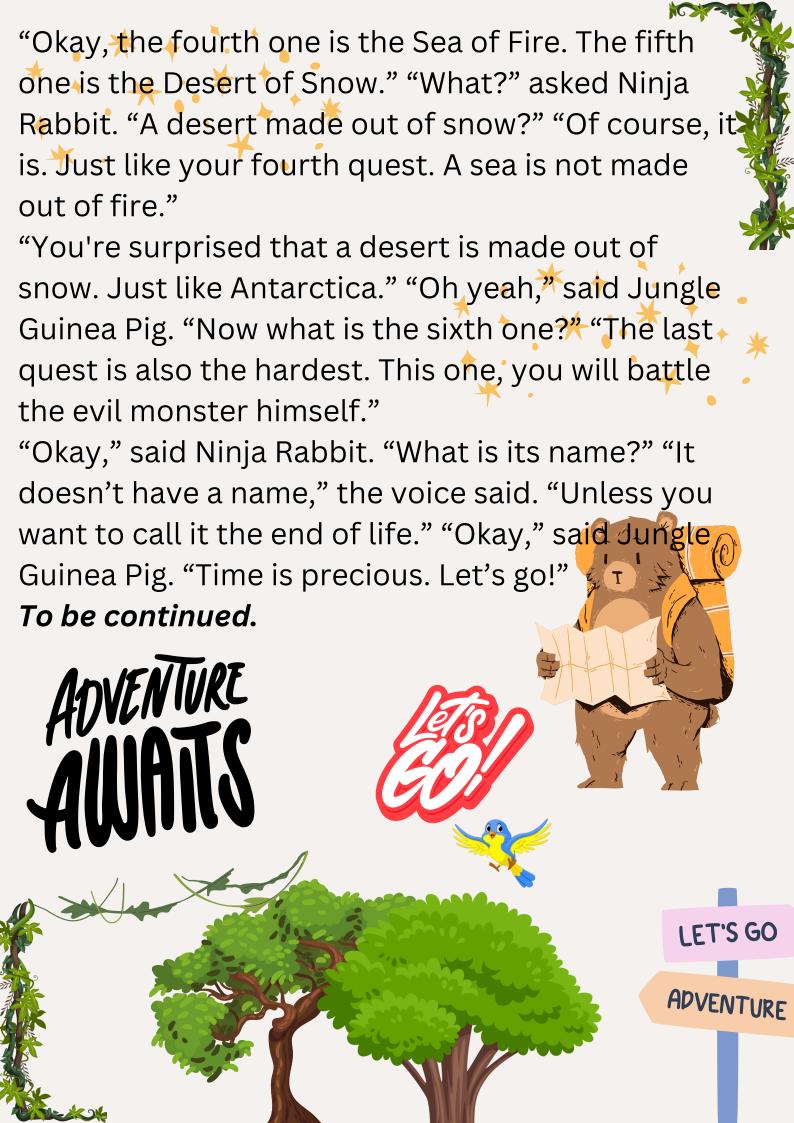
Pic 4 The Misty Lagoon

"Can't we just go around it?" inquired Ninja Rabbit.
"Of course, you can," replied the voice. "But be warned, an army of skeletons will be waiting to guard the other side." "How many skeletons are we talking about?" questioned Jungle Guinea Pig.
"About 3 million," came the daunting response from the voice.

"That's easy!" said Ninja Rabbit. "My carrot tanker will drive right through them and turn them into our next day's breakfast." "Okay! But here is the third quest. The Volcano of Doom." "Keep talking," said Ninja Rabbit. "Those quests are easy."



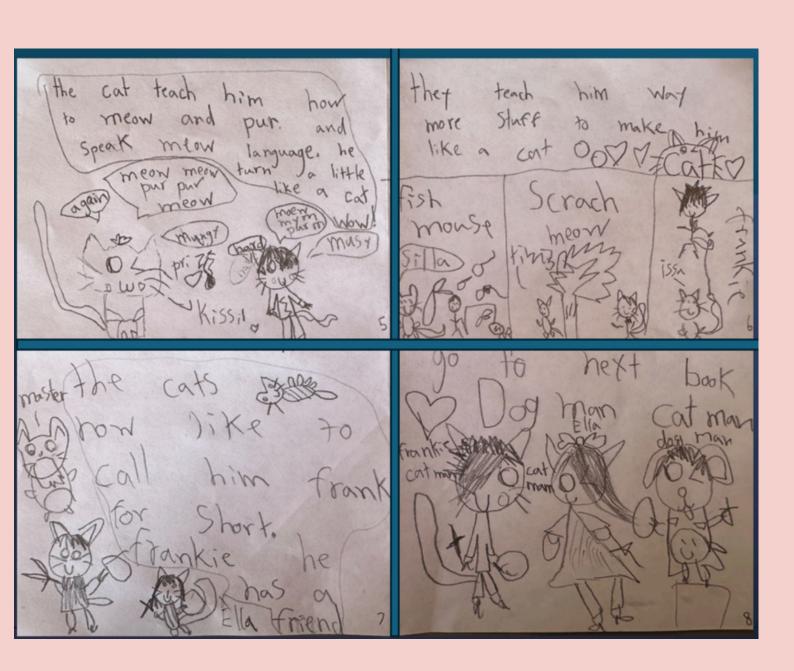
Pic 5 The Volcano of Doom













## The Bahamas

#### By Olivia Yang (Mrs. Shamsen)

I went to the Bahamas from April 6th to 10th. The Bahamas was one of the best places I had ever been. We did fun things from pig encounters to a high-thrill water park. Everybody should visit the Bahamas at least once. It is a place that you will surely write down on your travel list!

On the first day of attractions, we went on a snorkeling and pig encounter tour. We went there on a speedboat. The blue ocean was a deep sapphire and absolutely magnificent. We plunged into the freezing water and watched a tranquil sea turtle drift by us. Snorkeling with the sea turtle was extraordinary. Then, we went to encounter pigs. We fed the pigs ad felt their fur, which was hard but slightly fuzzy. When the pigs left, we stayed at the beach with the ocean waves constantly crashing at the shore.

The next day, we went to Baha Bay water park. My favorite slide was Pirate's Plunge. You get in, go through a series of twisters, and then, splash! You fall into a 12-foot deep pool as frigid water circles over you. I also love Cyclone Rush. You get in a raft, turn in a circle, get drenched by cold water, and rush up and onto a vortex and vertical wall. The park is filled with laughters and screaming.

Many people think of the Bahamas as an overpriced place with things you could do for less money somewhere else. But, the Bahamas is a truly unique place with the Carribean blue ocean, swimming pigs, and famous conch. People should visit because the ocean is exquisite, locals are very friendly, and the food is incredible. There are loads of activities to do in the Bahamas from pink sand beaches to coconut sculptures. It is one of the best vacation places in the world. The weather and ocean are perfect. Countless fun and interesting things await once you set foot in the Bahamas. This place is truly a paradise.

### CYCLONE RUSH



### PIG'S ISLAND



### PIRATE'S PLUNGE





THERE IS NO EARTH 2, SO SAVE THE EARTH!









