

Field Day

Story By: Judie Eberhardt

It's that time of year again thought Carly as she started the last full week of school.

Field Day was on Thursday and as usual, Carly was not looking forward to it. "Why does everybody make a big deal out of it?" Carly asked her mom. "Well, it's suppose to be a fun day and a day to let yourself go," said Carly's mom. "I'm not good at all those games that are played, and I'm afraid the kids are going to laugh at me." "If I don't do well, they will blame me if their team doesn't win," said Carly. "Maybe I can stay home and skip Field Day."

Mary was Carly's closest friend, and they walked to school every day. "Aren't you excited about Field Day?" Mary asked Carly. "No, I don't care about a silly day set aside just for dumb games." "We had fun last year." "Don't you remember how we beat the team in the egg and spoon race?" asked Mary. "You won because I hurt my leg and had to sit out during that race," said Carly. "No one ever picks me for their team because I'm not good at those games," answered Carly. Mary felt bad after she left Carly at her house and headed home. She told her mom how unexcited Carly was about Field Day and wondered what she could do to cheer her friend up and make her feel more excited about playing some of the games. "When you get on a team, make sure you pick Carly to help on the team," suggested her mom. "See if you can get in a game that you know Carly is good at and will feel confident in playing," said Mary's mom. Mary thought for a moment and said that she knew Carly loved to play horseshoes and was really good at that game. She was also good at the water balloon toss too.

Thursday finally arrived. Mary came by Carly's house for their daily walk to school. Carly was very quiet on the way to school. Mary said, "I hear they are going to have horseshoes this year and also a water balloon contest." "Really?" asked Carly. "I love horseshoes, and I am pretty good at catching those water balloons." Suddenly, Carly felt more excited about getting to school and starting Field Day than she ever did. The games began, and Carly had the most fun she ever had at a Field Day! Her team won first place in the water balloon toss thanks to her, and she got a ribbon for second place in horseshoes. "What a great day!" Carly said to Mary. Carly is now looking forward to Field Day next year!



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 - D. Jenny

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