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11 years old

I've lived in Cleveland Park all my life. I basically know everybody on my block of Lowell Street. The kids usually get together in the middle of Lowell Street and throw the football or something.

Some of the neighborhood people I'll remember are the Mondales because they're famous and their Secret Servicemen...they're really nice. Mr. Miles is usually out working in his little garden and trying to keep it nice and tidy. He and Mrs. Miles are my Mom and Dad's best friends. I know Francis at the Giant....He's known me since I was a baby. He puts the bags into the cars and he always talks to us. He speaks lots of different languages.

In the summertime one of the things I enjoy most is the Cleveland Park Club pool. It's small. Sometimes it can get very crowded, but it's fun and close. It's a place where I meet friends.

The Block Party and the Halloween Party are fun. Last year lots of the little kids loved the Halloween Party because Superman was there. He didn't exactly look like Superman, but the little kids thought he was. And there are always fire trucks to lead our parade. And we always get free doughnuts. At the Block Party there are lots of games to play. We used to have this big Incredible Hulk and we would stick our faces in it and let people throw sponges at us. I don't think they do the popcorn bin anymore....baby pools filled with popcorn you could eat until you were full. The relay race is fun. And the horse riding is one of my favorite ones....I always like to work with the horses.

I've been at John Eaton ever since Pre-K and now I'm in sixth grade. In kindergarten my teacher died. In first grade, my teacher went on strike. In second grade my teacher went out with pneumonia and then had a baby. And in third grade my teacher had a baby. And in fourth grade my teacher went out because she had an operation. And in fifth grade my teacher had to go out because she had to have an operation. And I hope nothing goes wrong this year.

A house was knocked down on the southeast corner of Macomb and 34th last year and our playground was built over the site. In P.E. class we usually play volleyball, which is really fun. I remember in first grade we used to play duck, duck, goose all the time. At recess we usually jump on the new playground equipment that we have. It's real springy. We sit and talk. We used to play tag....boys chase girls or girls chase boys, but that's been banned.